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MINUTES

OF THE

FIFTY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Elkin Baptist Association

CONVENED WITH

Pleasant Hill Baptist Church

OCTOBER 3, 4, AND 5, 1930

M. L. PETTYJOHN, Moderator ____ Elkin, N. C.
J. W. CHEEK, Clerk _____ Roaring River, N. C.

The next session will be held with Cool Springs Baptist Church, five miles northwest of Elkin, N. C., beginning on Friday before the First Sunday in October, 1931, at 10:00 A. M.

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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

FIFTY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

ELKIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

CONVENED WITH

LITTLE ELKIN BAPTIST CHURCH

OCTOBER 3, 4, AND 5, 1930.

Song, "In the Sweet Bye and Bye." Devotional exercises by J. Z. Adams; reading St. John1-1 to 28. Song, "When the Roll is Called Up Yonder." Introductory sermon by Rev. C. F. Fields; text, Nehemi 6-3. Association called to order by Moderator; Church Letters called for and the following handed in, read, and delegates seated:

Center—P. A. Caudill, S. S. Thompson.

Cool Springs—M. L. Pettyjohn, O. P. Holbrook, S. .H. Couch.

Elkin Valley—H. D. Woodruff, T. C. DeBorde.

Little Elkin—J. M. Vanhoy.

Macedonia—J. N. Burchette.

Pleasant Hill—E. F. Yarboro, D. W. Day, F. M. Pardue.

Pleasant Home—J. W. Cheek, J. F. Darnell.

Poplar Springs—D. E. Cockerham, David Laster.

Rock Creek.

Shoaly Branch—H. F. Tulbert, H. F. Carter, J. A. Darnell.

White Plains—W. S. Alexander, Watson Bryant.

On motion, proceeded to elect officers by ballot, and elected M. L. Pettyjohn, Moderator, and J. W. Cheek, Clerk.

Extended an invitation to visitors, and Bros. C. F. Fields and J. Z. Adams, of Stone Mountain Association, accepted seats with us.

The Moderator appointed committees for the different objects to report later.

Adjourn one and one-half hours.

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FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Song No. 60, "Death Is Only a Dream;" prayer by Rev. J. W. Bryant. Moderator called Association to order for business.

REPORT ON PASTORATE AND CHURCH RELATIONS

There is a very close relation between church and pastor. The pastor is the shepherd of the flock and visits the members of the church and advise them as to the deity in assisting the poor of the church and the sinners. He is expected to preach the gospel, also assist the sick and dying and pray with them; watch over the members. The church should help the pastor by giving him their presence at every service; their prayers and their means to help him in the great work for the Kingdom.

Respectfully submitted,
C. F. FIELDS,
J. M. VANHOY,
Committee.

Remarks by C. F. Fields and J. Z. Adams.

Report adopted.

By motion, we table report on State Missions handed in and adopt last year's report on missions.

MISSIONS

Our mission program is divided into three departments, State, Home and Foreign.

A great expansion has taken place in the last few years over all the country, much of this has been the result of Home Mission work on the part of the independent churches.

We would stress State Missions because of the work it is doing in giving the gospel to the destitute mountain and coast regions, and organizing churches.

Our Foreign Missions are greatly handicapped because of the lack of funds. Let us all rally to the cause.

T. .C. DeBORDE,
Committee.

Committee on Religious Exercises report Bro. J. M. Page, of Raleigh, preach tonight at 7:45; text, James 1-22.

By motion, adjourn until 9:30 tomorrow.

SATURDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 4

Song, "Blessed Assurance." Devotional exercises conducted by Bro. T. C. DeBorde, reading second chapter Ephesians. Song, "There Is a Fountain Filled With Blood." Prayer by Moderator.

Association called to order for business. Preceding minute read and approved.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS

We, your committee, beg leave to submit the following report: First, we condemn the reading of trashy literature, and recommend the Bible and other religious books and papers, such as the Biblical Recorder and other religious papers, and our Sunday School literature.

Respectfully submitted,
S. S. THOMPSON,
E. H. CAUDILL,
Committee.

Remarks by C. F. Fields.

Report adopted.

Extended an invitation to visitors, and M. F. Kesler from the Orphanage, and J. A. Chipman, of Brier Creek association, accepted seats.

REPORT ON BAPTIST HOSPITAL

We, your committee on Baptist Hospital report as follows: The Baptist Hospital at Winston-Salem, is a Baptist institution and is largely supported by the Baptists of North Carolina. We think it the duty of this association to help support and help this institution from the fact that this is an institution trying to help those who are unable to help themselves.

W. S. ALEXANDER,
E. F. YARBORO,
Committee.

Remarks by Rev. J. W. Bryant, T. C. DeBorde, J. Z. Adams, H. D. Woodruff.

Report adopted.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE

One should think of the Orphanage as a home, only on a much larger scale than the ordinary home. The Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville and the Kennedy Home are doing a great work in taking boys and girls that are left alone in the world and training them for life of usefulness for the future—both morally and spiritually. There are now, as same as usual, a large number of children in both these homes. There are also

a large number of children cared for through the Mothers' aid. Children are received into the Orphanage between the ages of two and twelve years and dismissed according to preparation rather than ages. There are a large number of applications going in each month, and most of them turned away for the lack of room. The expense of these homes are more than one might think, unless they had informed themselves of what it cost to operate children's homes. h

Let us, therefore, recommend that each church of this association boost the once a month collection in their Sunday School, as the chief support of these homes are from the Sunday School and the Thanksgiving offering. Let us quote from James, to visit the fatherless and the widows in their affliction and keep ourselves unspotted from the world. Let us therefore not visit them in person only, but also with our prayers and our money as well.

Respectfully submitted,
J. F. DARNELL,
H. D. WOODRUFF,
Committee.

Remarks by H. D. Woodruff and M. L. Kesler.
Report adopted.
By motion, adjourned until 1:30.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Song, "Where the Gates Swing Outward Never."

REPORT ON MINISTERS' RELIEF

There has been a great growth in the last 12 years in the relief and annuity board. The board reported this year as follows: Benefactor ministers, 661; widows, 614; total, 1,275. Annuity benefactors ministers, 83, widows, 59; orphans, 3; total, 145. Grand total, 1,592. Receipts for the year, $3,678,-554.74. We recommend the churches of this association to contribute to this board for old ministers who have gone through their lives on small salaries.

C. F. FIELDS,
H. F. CARTER,
Committee.

Remarks by C. F. Fields.
Report adopted.

STATE OF THE CHURCHES

There is quite a contrast between the reverence and respect for God's house in this present day, and that of 40 years ago. Even the house was regarded as a sacred place—a place

of reverence and respect. How is it today? Our men, even the Deacons, will talk business and politics in the yard until service begins. The sisters tell yarns and secrets in the house until the choir can't hear the number of the hymn announced by the leader, and intermediate and primary grades of the Sunday school talk and laugh until the superintendent is compelled to rap for order before the secretary can read the minutes of the day. Now, who is responsible for these conditions? Let us work and pray that better conditions may prevail.

F. M. PARDUE,
T. C. DeBORDE,
Committee.

Remarks by T. C. DeBorde.
Report adopted.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

In presenting this subject we are bound to see that the emphasis must be laid on Bible Teaching as Baptists see and understand it.

An education of the head alone, and not the heart, is a very poor one, indeed. If we believe in Baptist doctrines, we must patronize Baptist schools, for, almost invariably, your boy and girl will cling to the faith and doctrine of the school which they attend. If you want your boy or girl to be Baptists, then educate them in Baptist schools, but if you want them to be Methodists or Presbyterians, why send to the Methodist or Presbyterian school, and, certainly they will not disappoint you.

We have a number of first-class colleges and high schools owned and run by the Baptist. So you have no excuse for patronizing other denominational schools. Brethren, let us rally to our standard.

J. N. BURCHETTE,
C. M. LASTER,
Committee.

Report adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

Temperance, as we understand it, is the moderate use of anything that is for our good, and a total abstinence from everything that is harmful, either physically, morally, or spiritually. There are many ways in which men and women, boys and girls practice intemperance. The only safe rule and criterion, by which we should govern our lives is just to stop and ask ourselves the question, "What would Jesus do?"

But the great and burning question of today is the violation of the Eighteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States. The making, selling, transporting and drinking of intoxicating liquors. Brethren, let us fight this greatest of all curses to the finish. Let us not be faint-hearted, but let us, as Baptists, stand together on this great moral question of prohibition and the Constitution, regardless of party affiliation.

Let us say (and do) as one of old, "Let others do as they may—as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." Brethren, let us all vote as we pray.

Respectfully submitted,
J. N. BURCHETTE,
T. C. DeBORDE,
Committee.

Remarks by T. C. DeBorde, C. F. Fields.
Report adopted.

FINANCE REPORT

Center	$ 3.00
Cool Springs	3.20
Elkin Valley	7.25
Little Elkin	5.03
Macedonia	3.00
Pleasant Hill	5.00
Pleasant Home	2.50
Poplar Springs	3.05
Shoaly Branch	2.50
White Plains	2.50
Rock Creek	1.60
Sunday special collection	7.28
TOTAL	$45.91

H. D. Woodruff paid 50c on minute fund.

H. D. WOODRUFF,
C. H. DAY,
N. W. LUFFMAN, Committee.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION

We, the committee on Resolution, sumbit the following report.: We the Elkin Association tender to the Pleasant Hill church and community our many thanks for their kind hospitality extended the Elkin Association and may God's richest blessing rest on them and their church.

J. W. CHEEK,
H. D. WOODRUFF,
Committee.

Motion, That Clerk have 300 minutes printed and distribute to the churches.

VISITORS

R. L. Lowery, Yadkin Association.

Eiff Whisenhunt, Surry Association.

Moved that the Elkin Association put itself on record as standing for the enforcement of the prohibition law.

TIME, PLACE AND PREACHER

Friday before the 1st Sunday in October, 1931, at 10 o'clock a. m. Place, Cool Springs Baptist church, 5 miles northwest of Elkin. Preacher, Rev. I. W. Vestal, Richard Day, Alternate.

P. A. CAUDLE,
D. E. COCKERHAM,
Committee.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOL

We, your committee, recommend and endorse the report in your last years minute.

We, your committee, make the following report:

We believe the Sunday School to be second to no other organization in stamping upon the minds of the children the necessity of becoming Christians when they reach the years of accountability, provided it is properly conducted.

This is one of the greatest institutions in helping the adult to keep in the straight and narrow way.

Therefore we recommend that the parents take the children to Sunday School and not send them.

The superintendent and teachers are important factors in conducting the Sunday School. They should be carefully selected and none but straight forward Christians should be elected to fill those responsible positions.

Let us all strive together to make our Sunday Schools better and have an evergreen school in each church in this association. Also we would be glad that every Sunday School in this association be represented in the Edwards Township Sunday School Convention and reap the benefits of the seed that are sown there.

We feel greatly pleased with our Sunday Schools as they are, but we cannot say that we are utterly satisfied, and with the proper effort we feel the work can be established and we

would like for an assemblage of the superintendents, teachers and co-workers of the Sunday School in a round table discussion at every session of our conventions.

Submitted,
T. C. DeBORDE,
C. H. DAY,
Committee.

Moved, That Constitution Rules of Decorum and Articles of Faith be printed in our Association Minutes.

CONSTITUTION

1. This Association shall be known as the Elkin Baptist Association, and shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches; each church being entitled to three delegates, and all regular ordained ministers as members ex officio.

2. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's Kingdom upon earth.

3. The delegates thus selected should bear from each respective church a letter certifying their appointments, and communicating information relative to the state of the church and interest thereof.

4. The Association just formed shall elect, by ballot, a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall continue in office for one year, and until others are chosen. The last two offices may be held by the same individual.

5. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside at meetings of business; to keep order during each session; to decide questions of order, subject to an appeal of the house by any member and to perform all other duties pertaining to his office.

6. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a faithful and correct record of all the proceedings of each session of the Association and keep a minute of each session and to perform other duties assigned to him by the Association.

7. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to keep a correct record of all the funds coming into his hands and report the same at the order of the Association.

8. There shall be a Committee of Arrangements consisting of five members, besides the Moderator and Clerk.

9. All letters or grievances or querries, together with all letters from corresponding associations requiring any attention thereon, shall be submitted to the Committee on Arrangements, and reported back to the Association.

10. This body shall have no coersive power to exercise lordship over God's heritage, but shall only be considered as advisory council in all matters respecting the internal regulations of the churches.

11. When an offense may have been committed by one church against another, or when a series of difficulties may have arisen in an individual church, it shall be the duty of the Association (after due labors have been had between the offending and the offended churches, or an individual church, as the case be, to take the matter into consideration and advise upon it.

12. The Association shall not maintain permanent fellowship towards any of her churches which neglect to institute and preserve Gospel order among their members, nor any of her churches or ministers that treat her constitution with contempt; but shall sustain with all her influence, such as promote Gospel principles and order.

13. It shall be the province of this Association to invite visiting and corresponding brethren to seats, who shall be entitled to speak on any point under discussion, but not to vote.

14. The Association shall in all cases, (except in matters pertaining to the constitution) be governed by a majority of the members present, and shall not adjourn until they have gone through the business of the Association, except in extraordinary cases.

15. Each church having an ordained or licensed minister shall report the same to the Association in order that they may appear as such on the face of the minutes.

16. The Association shall furnish the churches with the minutes of her proceedings; and it shall be the duty of the churches to enable her to do so.

17. The Association shall have a fund, created and sustained by voluntary contributions from the churches, which shall be held by the treasurer and subject to the disposition of a majority of the Association present at any annual session.

19. The Association shall hold an annual session at such time and place as the body may, from time to time designate.

19. By appointment of the Association there may be an Introductory, Missionary and Denominational sermon preached each annual session.

20. This Constitution may be altered or amended at any time, two thirds of the members present concurring.

21. The benevolent institutions of the day shall be no bar or test of fellowship, but all shall be free to sustain or not sustain as they choose.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2. The letters from the churches shall be read and the names of the delegates enrolled.

3. A Moderator and Clerk chosen by a majority of the members present.

4. Only one member shall speak at a time who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator; and while speaking, shall not be interrupted by any member, except the Moderator.

5. The members speaking shall strictly adhere to the subject, and use no words calculated to irritate.

6. No member shall abruptly break off or absent himself without leave of the Association.

7. No member shall speak more than three times upon one subject without leave of the Association.

8. No member shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of the Association, nor whispering in time of public speech.

9. No member of the Association shall address another in any other appellation but that of brother.

10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member or prohibit him from speaking till he gives his light on the subject, unless he breaks this decorum.

11. The names of the several members of the Association shall be called by the Clerk as often as the Association requires.

12. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privileges as an other member, provided his seat be filled; and he shall have no vote, unless the Association be equally divided.

13. Queries presented by churches shall be attended to by the Association.

14. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

15. Any member who shall willingly and knowingly break any of these rules, shall be reproved by the Association, as they shall think proper.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in only true and living God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost and these three are one.

2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the words of God, and the only rules of Faith and Practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of Election by grace.

4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin, and in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature by his own free will or ability.

We believe that sinners are called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit and that all who are thus regenerated and born again by the Spirit of God, shall never fall finally away.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God by the imputed Righteousness of Jesus Christ.

7. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only subjects of those ordinances; and we believe that the only true mode of Baptism is by immersion.

8. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment, and that the joys of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

9. We believe that no minister has the right to administer the ordinances of the Gospel, except such as are regularly called, and come under the imposition of hands by the Presbytery.

Committee on Religious Exercises Report:

Bro. Eiph Whisenhunt will preach tonight at 7:45. Text, Mathew 16:18.

Tomorrow at 11 a. m. Rev. R. E. Adams. Text, St. John 17:8.

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS

M. F. Barker ..... Route 1, Roaring River, N. C.
J W. Bryant ..... Elkin, N. C.
Levi McCann ..... Route 1, Roaring River, N. C.
Richard Day ..... Benham, N. C.
J. F. Smith ..... Benham, N. C.
E. F. Hinson ..... State Road, N. C.

LICENSED MINISTERS

C. C. Cockerham ..... Route 1, Roaring River, N. C.
Ely Jordan ..... Elkin, N. C.
John H. Luffman ..... Ronda, N. C.
J. D. Luffman ..... Route 1, Ronda, N. C.
Martin Luffman ..... Ronda, N. C.

OUR DEPARTED ONES

Cool Springs—Mr. Grats Luffman, Cornelia Johnson, Mrs. Elizabeth Walls.

Elkin Valley—Mrs. M. L. Woodruff, Mr. Alf Hendrix.

Pleasant Home—Mr. W. A. Tharpe, Mr. N. E. Walls, Mrs. Ula Poplin.

Shoaly Branch—Mr. T. M. Stanly, Mrs. Ida Carter Billings.

White Plains—Mrs. Matilda Alexander, Mrs. Dorcas Jolly, Mr. J. W. Poplin.

TABLE 1: CHURCH MEMBERSHIP, ETC. ELKIN ASSOCIATION FOR SEPT. 30, 1930.

CHURCHES	CHURCH CLERKS AND POST OFFICES		SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS AND POST OFFICES	
Center	P. A. Caudill	Thurmond, N. C.	P. A. Caudill	Thurmond, N. C.
Cool Springs	M. L. Pettyjohn	Elkin, N. C.	R. P. Newman	Elkin, N. C.
Elkin Valley	H. D. Woodruff	Elkin, N. C.	Ely Jordan	Elkin, N. C.
Little Elkin	Vance Byrd	Ronda, N. C.	Martin Luffman	Ronda, N. C.
Macedonia	Charlie R. Byrd	Ronda, N. C.	C. C. Cockerham	Roaring River, N. C.
Pleasant Hill	E. F. Yarboro	Elkin, N. C.	D. W. Day	Elkin, N. C.
Pleasant Home	J. W. Cheek	Roaring River, N. C.	James McCann	Lomax, N. C.
Poplar Springs	J. W. Gentry	State Road, N. C.	H. W. Ray	State Road, N. C.
Rock Creek	J. A. Sebastian	No. Wilkesboro, N. C.	W. B. Luffman	No. Wilkesboro, N. C.
Shoaly Branch	J. A. Darnell	Elkin, N. C.	Earlie Caudill	State Road, N. C.
White Plains	W. S. Alexander	Roaring River, N. C.	J. S. Bryant	Roaring River, N. C.

SUMMARY TABLE. STATISTICS OF ELKIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA FOR YEAR ENDING SEPT. 30, 1930.

Church Directories				Baptisms and Members, Etc.						S. S		B.Y.P.U.'s		Church Finances			Mis. Etc.	Ch. Pr.
CHURCHES	When Constituted	Country Churches (O)	PASTORS AND POSTOFFICES	Regular Meeting Days	Baptisms	Total Membership	Revival Meetings Held	Obs. of Lord's Supper	Families Receiving State Baptist Paper	Number of Schools	Total Enrolled	Total No. B.Y.P.U.'s	Total Enrolled	Minutes and Clerk of Association	Pastor's Salary	Total Local Church Expenses Including Preacher's Salary, etc.	Total for all Missions, Orphans' Home, etc.	Value of Church House and Grounds
Center	1839	O	I. W. Vestal, Jonesville	4	6	48	1	1		1	45			$3.00	$55.00	$75.60		$ 800
Cool Springs	1805	O	J. M. Absher, N. W'boro	2	3	225	1	1	12	1	127	4	150	3.20		125.00	$40.16	2500
Elkin Valley	1881	O	R. E. Adams, East Bend	1	9	208	2	1		1	191			7.25	295.58	396.63	49.58	1000
Little Elkin	1905	O	J. M. Absher, N. W'boro	4	1	141	1	1		1	73			5.03	50.00	83.15		1000
Macedonia	1889	O	J. W. Bryant, Elkin	1	6	165	1	1	2	1	89			3.00	100.00	135.80	6.71	2000
Pleasant Hill	1897	O	J. W. Bryant, Elkin	4	16	302	1	1	1	1	179			5.00	109.40	380.59	16.03	4000
Pleasant Home	1878	O	Grant Cothren, Lomax	4	14	165	1	1	1	1	102			3.00	45.00		192.96	1000
Poplar Springs	1885	O	Richard Day, Benham	3	4	81	1	1		1	136			3.05	55.00		86.60	1000
Rock Creek	1849	O	Ed. O. Miller, Wilbar	2	4	299	1	1		1	66			1.60	30.00		58.60	1000
Shoaly Branch	1884	O	Grant Cothren, Lomax	3	1	127	1	1		1	123			2.50	100.00		113.50	1000
White Plains		O	J. S. Bryant, Ro. River	3	5	121	1	1		1	65			2.50				1000

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M. L. PETTYJOHN, Moderator.....Elkin, N. C.
J. W. CHEEK, Clerk ..... Roaring River, N. C.

The next session will be held with Poplar Springs Baptist Church, four miles northeast of Elkin, N. C., beginning on Friday before the First Sunday in October, 1932, at 10:00 A. M.

CARTER PRINTING CO., N. WILKESBORO, N. C.

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Song, "What A Friend We Have In Jesus." R. D. Covington reading part of the 11th and 12th chapters of Hebrews and led in prayer. Song, "I Want To Be A Worker For The Lord." Introductory Sermon by Rev. I. W. Vestal, reading 46th Psalm. Prayer by Rev. C. F. Fields. Text, Exodus 14:15.

Association called to order by Moderator. Church letters called for and the following handed in and read and delegates seated:

Center—P. A. Caudill, C. L. Johnson.
Cool Springs—M. L. Pettyjohn, J. P. Harris, O. P. Holbrook.
Elkin Valley—H. D. Woodruff.
Little Elkin—J. M. Vanhoy.
Macedonia—J. N. Burchette.
Pleasant Hill—C. H. Day, R. W. Darnell.
Pleasant Home—J. W. Cheek, T. F. Byrd, J. Q. Burcham.
Poplar Springs—D. E. Hinson, D. E. Cockerham.
Rock Creek—J. A. Sebastian, W. B. Luffman.
Shoaly Branch—J. C. Spencer, J. A. Darnell.
White Plains—

The Association was reorganized. M. L. Pettyjohn was elected Moderator and J. W. Cheek Clerk.

Visitors were invited to take seats with us. eRv. C. F. Fields, Stone Mountain, Rev. I. W. Vestal, Brier Creek, C. J. Hemric, of Yadkin Association, Rev. J. C. Styers, Winston-Salem R. 1, Rev. R. E. Adams representing Biblical Recorder, and R. D. Covington representing Mills Home, accepted seats with us.

Committees were appointed as follows:

Arrangements—J. W. Cheek, M. L. Pettyjohn, H. D. Woodruff, C. F. Fields, J. P. Harris, I. W. Vestal, R. E. Adams.

Pastor and Church Relations—R. E. Adams, J. C. Styers.

Missions—C. F. Fields, I. W. Vestal.

Religious Exercises—J. A. Darnell and delegates of Cool Springs Church.

Periodicals—R. E. Adams, R. D. Covington.

Baptist Hospital—C. H. Day, J. A. Sebastian.

Orphanage—C. F. Fields, R. D. Covington.

Ministers' Relief—D. E. Hinson, D. E. Cockerham.
State of the Churches—John Q. Burcham, P. A. Caudill.
Christian Education—R. C. Harris, J. C. Spencer.
Temperance—J. N. Burchette, S. B. Mooney.
Finance—H. D. Woodruff, C. H. Day, W. B. Luffman.
Resolutions—J. A. Darnell, J. N. Burchette, Chas. Spencer.
Time, Place and Preacher—T. F. Byrd, D. E. Cockerham.
Sunday School—Mr. and Mrs. Paul Newman, Mrs. R. C. Harris.

Moved and seconded that we read the Constitution and Rules of Decorum.

Moved by Association that the churches be allowed three delegates for each 100 or fractional part thereof.

Moved by the Association that we have Sunday School Table printed in the Minutes.

Adjourn for one hour.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Song, "Amazing Grace." Prayer by Rev. R. E. Adams. Moderator called the Association to order for business.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE

We have 500 children at Thomasville, 135 at Kennedy Home branch, and 275 in Mothers Aid Department, which makes a total of 910 we are caring for this year. They are all getting along nicely and we have very few sick at this time.

We have striven to do God's will in this task. A good year has been enjoyed in every department. The farm, dairy, trucking, and the hogs, all have turned out well.

There are two things that have given us much concern. We cannot answer all the calls that come for help. Then our income from churches has dropped off greatly. From January 1, 1931, to Sept. 1, 1931, our receipts dropped $10,000.00.

We earnestly recommend to churches in this Association:

1. That every church give an offering to the Orphanage once a month.

2. That every church send a Thanksgiving offering to the Orphanage during Thanksgiving season.

Respectfully submitted,
R. D. COVINGTON,
C. F. FIELDS, Committee.

Remarks by R. D. Covington, C. F. Fields, H. D. Woodruff. Report adopted.

REPORT ON PASTORAL AND CHURCH RELATIONS

The relation between pastor and church is very close. The pastor is the shepherd of the flock and should watch over the flock and feed them with the pure word of the Gospel, and lead them in the work of the Lord, doing all he can to develop all the members of his church. In order to do this the church should

stand by the pastor in all efforts to further the Lord's work, ever praying for him and co-operating with him in his work.

The church should pray for its pastor and support him with their means. "Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live by the gospel," 1 Cor. 9:14. "For the laborer is worthy of his hire," Luke 10:7.

REV. J. C. STYERS,
R. E. ADAMS, Committee.

Remarks by R. E. Adams. Report adopted.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS

The Biblical Recorder was first printed by Thomas Meredith ninety-six years ago. Since then it has served as organ of the Baptists of North Carolina. It contains the best thoughts of the best thinkers among our people. It is set for the constructive effort in obeying the command of the Master to carry the Gospel to all the world. It is published in the interest of our Baptist work and at the expense of the stockholders—for the past eight years the paper has been a liability. The Recorder promotes the things that shall win. It seeks to aid in bringing in the reign of Christ. The readers of the Recorder are its best asset, and, in North Carolina, the Kingdom's best friends.

The best is none too good for our North Carolina Baptist homes. The future homes depend on the Christian culture of the homes of this generation.

People are largely influenced by what they read. The Biblical Recorder seeks to bring to our people weekly a summary of our Baptist news, local and general. It seeks to give a Christian and Baptist interpretation to the events of the day. It seeks to give the achievements of our schools, our churches, our Sunday Schools, B. Y. P. U., W. M. U., and laymen's work, so that the reader may be informed as to the best method of doing our work. It presents letters from our missionaries at home and abroad and hence informs the reader of what is being accomplished through their contributions.

The Home Circle offers help for the development of the spiritual and intellectual needs in every young church member. It seeks to present high ideals for our young people, real help in the development of Christian character, which will react for good in the future of our people. Never before was there a time when our boys and girls stood more in need of wholesome literature which will instill high ideals, create a desire for pure living and stimulate them in rendering unselfish service. The Biblical Recorder seeks to aid at this particular point.

The price is $2.00 per year. The circulation ought to be increased to 25,000 as a minimum.

R. E. ADAMS,
R. D. COVINGTON, Committee.

Remarks by R. E. Adams and R. D. Covington. Report adopted.

Committee on Religious Exercises report Rev. R. D. Covington preach tonight at 7:30. Text, Micah, 6:16.

By motion adjourn until 9:30. Song, "God Be With You."

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Song 19, "Spread the News." Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. O. C. Hamby, reading Matthew 28:16.

Moderator called Association to order for business.

REPORT ON OLD MINISTERS RELIEF

We, your committee on Old Ministers Relief, report as follows:

There is no class of men more worthy of aid than old ministers who have given the best of their lives in the service of the Master, traveling far and near, preaching the gospel and received very little for their labor. Let us therefore contribute liberally to these old brethren and make their hearts feel glad. We recommend a special offering for them at Christmas.

Respectfully submitted,

D. E. COCKERHAM,

D. E. HINSON, Committee.

Remarks by Joe Vanhoy. Report adopted.

Committee on Religious Exercises report Rev. C. F. Fields preach at 11 A. M. Text, Revelations 3:8, "Behold, I have put an open door before thee and no man can shut it."

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Solomon said, "Train up a child in the way that it should go and when it grows old it will not depart therefrom." This, then, brings to our minds the fact that the first step in religious education begins at home. Then it behooves us as parents that we study and meditate upon the Word of God, that we may be able to instill into the minds of our boys and girls the true doctrine of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

The church as a whole should be educated that it may hear all and hold fast to that which is good.

We need ministers and teachers that are prepared to bring God's great truths in such a way that men and women may be kept in the right relation toward God and their fellowmen. This will effect their whole life towards right living.

Then we need to support our Baptist educational institutions and see that the heads of these institutions are Christian, God-fearing men, rightly dividing the Word of God.

We are living in a fast age, and one of the great mistakes of our leaders are that they want to start before they are ready, thereby making a failure or almost a failure of their lives.

Then let us tarry at Jerusalem and wait upon the Lord, that we

may be prepared to go forth in this great work and accomplish the most in the Master's name.

Respectfully submitted,

R. C. HARRIS,
J. C. SPENCER, Committee.

Report adopted.

REPORT ON BAPTIST HOSPITAL

The Baptist Hospital at Winston-Salem, N. C., with Rev. G. T. Lumpkin superintendent, is doing a great work of charity for our people, treating those that are sick and unable to pay large hospital bills. We think the Baptist hospital is acting like the good Samaritan who picked up the man, beaten and left half dead, lying by the road and carried him to the inn and paid the bill. The Baptist hospital in its last report reported 2725 patients, 591 of whom were full charity and 1009 part pay.

We recommend all our churches to observe Mother's Day on the second Sunday in May and take a collection for this hospital.

C. H. DAY,
J. A. SEBASTIAN, Committee.

Remarks by C. H. Day and Rev. A. C. Handy. Report adopted.

MISSIONS

We have State Missions, the work in North Carolina; Home Missions is work in Southern states, in Cuba and among the Indians and colored people. The work is not progressing as it should for lack of funds, and debts hanging over the Home Board.

Foreign Missions is the work in foreign lands and is handicapped by floods in China.

Let us all do more for our missions that the work may progress and accomplish great things for the Master.

C. F. FIELDS,
I. W. VESTAL, Committee.

Remarks by A. C. Handy. Report adopted.

Adjourn for one hour.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Song, "Nearer, My God, To Thee." Prayer by R. C. Harris.

Moderator called Association to order for business.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

We, your Committee, beg leave to submit the following:

We, your Committee, will say that drunkenness is one of the greatest evils that we come in contact with in this present time.

It affects the home, the church, the community. We should do all we can to stamp out this evil. We should be temperate in all things that would hinder God's Kingdom on earth.

J. N. BURCHETTE,
S. B. MOONEY, Committee.

Remarks by Rev. C. F. Fields, H. D. Woodruff, C. M. Carter and M. L. Pettyjohn, O. P. Holbrook and C. H. Day. Report adopted.

FINANCE REPORT

Minute Funds	$32.25
Special Collection	2.25
Special Collection	3.18
Total	$37.68

H. D. WOODRUFF,
C. H. DAY,
W. B. LUFFMAN, Committee.

REPORT ON STATE OF THE CHURCHES

The churches are bodies of believers that meet at places prepared for worship. Sacred place, place conveniently located, convenient buildings, to which fairly good roads lead; no hindrance to anyone who wishes to go there to worship.

We are taught in the blessed word to forsake not the assembling of ourselves together. Christian means Christ-like, to be Christ-like we should pattern after Him. We learn that it was His custom to attend worship in the Synagogue on the Sabbath day.

Today the good roads, automobiles and modern conveniences, instead of improving the attendance at church and Sunday School, leads our people to the satisfying of the worldly mind, going out for pleasure, forgetting the assembling of ourselves together, forgetting the command, which is "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy." Also we are taught in God's word not to go out on the Sabbath day for pleasure.

Our churches are what the members make them. Any church has its powers in its members, such as its character, doctrines, teachings, influence and all efficiency. As the reputation of its members so is their church in the eyes of their community. Every member has it in his power to mar or exalt his church and this may be his work as a follower of Christ.

We earnestly recommend that our church members who wish to take pleasure would do so during the six days which are allotted to them and obey the commands of our Lord, thereby influencing and training our young people to thoughtfulness and obedience to the commands of our Lord.

Respectfully submitted,
P. A. CAUDILL,
JOHN Q. BURCHAM,
Committee.

Remarks by M. L. Pettyjohn, Rev. C. F. Fields. Adopted.

REPORT ON RESOLUTIONS

We, your Committee on Resolutions, submit the following report:

We, the Elkin Association, wish to tender our sincere thanks to Cool Spring church and community for their kind hospitality shown us, and may God's richest blessings rest on them all.

Submitted,

J. N. BURCHETTE,
J. A. DARNELL, Committee.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

We, your Committee, make the following report:

We believe that the word Christian means Christ-like, that as Christians we must follow in His steps. His steps led to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, where He taught the people the great need of right living.

Since our Master saw fit to set this example for us let us follow it willingly and cheerfully, ever striving toward a bigger and better school.

Our officers and teachers should be selected with great care for they are so important in the Sunday School's development. No other unit of our Church is so far-reaching in its influence as the Sunday School, so let us cherish it and nourish it, that it may grow and flourish, until the influence of our work reaches out into the highways and hedges of sin and COMPELS them to come in.

We regard our Sunday School today as the only effective means to stem the rising tide of vice and crime among the youth of our land. There are 17,000,000 boys and girls in this so-called Christian land of ours without moral training from any source.

We are proud of the interest of the people in the Sunday School work, but long for the time when this great denomination of ours can do its whole duty toward bringing the gospel to this 17,000,000 boys and girls.

We as a Baptist people should find out what the youth of our land are interested in, and encourage their efforts in right living. Teach them to know, and to love a Savior who loves children, and who often walked through the fields teaching the great lessons of life by the trees, the birds, and the flowers.

When we get a conception of the Sunday School in its fullness it will be for father, for mother, for sister and brother.

Our arms of love will reach out to the world's great need for the Christian influence of the Sunday School.

Respectfully submitted,

PAUL NEWMAN,
MRS. PAUL NEWMAN,
MRS. R. C. HARRIS, Committee.

Adopted.

By motion Clerk to have 300 minutes printed out of funds; if any money left he is to have it for his services.

Committee on Religious Exercises report Rev. Richard Day to preach tonight at 7:30. Text, Mark 13:17.

SUNDAY SERVICES

Devotional by Rev. C. F. Fields reading the 23rd Psalm and leading in prayer. Sunday School report discussed by Mrs. Paul Newman, Mrs. R. C. Harris, J. F. Fields, C. F. Fields, J. A. Gilliam and Rev. I. W. Vestal.

REPORT ON TIME, PLACE AND PREACHER

We, your Committee, report that the next session of the Elkin Baptist Association be held with Poplar Springs Baptist Church, four miles northeast of Elkin, N. C., beginning on Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1932, at 10:00 A. M. We recommend Rev. Richard Day to preach the introductory sermon at 11:00 A. M. Alternate, Rev. J. W. Bryant.

T. F. BYRD,
D. E. COCKERHAM,
Committee.

Adopted.

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS

J. W. Bryant ..... Elkin, N. C.
M. F. Barker ..... R. 1, Roaring River, N. C.
C. C. Cockerham ..... R. 1, Roaring River, N. C.
Richard Day ..... Benham, N. C.
E. F. Hinson ..... State Road, N. C.
Levi McCann ..... R. 1, Roaring River, N. C.
Tom Shew ..... R. 2, North Wilkesboro, N. C.

LICENSED MINISTERS

Ely Jordan ..... Elkin, N. C.
J. D. Luffman ..... Ronda, N. C.
Martin Luffman ..... Ronda, N. C.

OUR DEPARTED ONES

Center—Elder J. F. Smith.

Cool Springs—Mrs. P. P. Lyon, Miss Elizabeth Johnson.

Elkin Valley—Mrs. Nancy Lyon.

Little Elkin—Mr. Thomas R. Vanhoy.

Pleasant Hill—Mrs. Viola Davis, Mrs. Dossie Darnell, Mr. Thomas Mathis, Mr. W. C. Gilliam, Mr. Willie Mickel, Mr. Othel Blackburn. Mrs. Martha Couch, Mrs. Linda Couch, Mrs. Pheba Darnell.

Pleasant Home—Mr. Wint Harp, Mrs. Millie Tharpe.

Rock Creek—Mrs. Pearl Brewer, Mrs. Pauline Stone, Mr. Cornelius Higgins, Deacon W. M. Sebastian.

Shoaly Branch—Mrs. Martha Wilmoth.

TABLE I—Church Membership, Etc, Elkin Baptist Association Year End Sept. 30, 1931

CHURCHES	Village, Town, City or Country	When Constituted	Pastors and Postoffices	Days of Meeting	Members Reported Last Year	GAINS			LOSSES				Total Present Members	W'kly Prayer Meet.	Revivals during yr.	Ob. Lord's Supper	Rec. Sta. Bap. Paper
						Baptisms	Letters	Statements	Letters	Exclusions	Erasures	Deaths					
Center	Co.	1839	I. W. Vestal, Jonesville	4	48	....	....	....	1	....	....	1	46	no	....	1	....
Cool Springs	Co.	1805	I. W. Vestal, Jonesville	2	225	....	....	....	....	2	....	2	221	yes	1	1	6
Elkin Valley	Co.	1881	R. E. Adams, East Bend	1	208	7	5	....	1	....	....	1	218	yes	1	1	1
Little Elkin	Co.	1905	J. M. Absher, N. Wilkesboro	4	141	1	....	....	1	....	....	1	140	yes	2	1	....
Macedonia	Co.	1889	J. W. Bryant, Elkin	1	165	2	1	....	4	....	....	....	164	yes	1	1	3
Pleasant Hill	V.	1897	J. W. Bryant, Elkin	4	302	13	5	....	4	2	....	9	305	no	1	1	2
Pleasant Home	Co.	1878	Grant Cothren, Doughton	4	165	6	....	....	....	....	....	2	169	yes	1	1	1
Poplar Springs	Co.	1885	Richard Day, Benham	3	81	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	80	no	1	1	....
Rock Creek	Co.	1849	Ed O. Miller, Wilbar	2	299	17	13	1	7	6	5	4	308	no	1	1	....
Shoaly Branch	Co.	1884	Grant Cothren, Doughton	3	127	2	3	....	....	1	....	1	130	no	1	1	....
White Plains	Co.	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....

TABLE II—Sunday Schools of Elkin Baptist Association For Year Ending Sept. 30, 1931.

CHURCHES	Village, Town, City or Country (Co.) Church	Superintendents and Postoffices	Officers and Teachers	Beginners, 3-5 Years	Primaries, 6-8 Years	Juniors, 9-12 Years	Intermed'ates, 13-16	Young People, 17-24	Adults, 25 and Up	Cradle Roll, under 3	Total Enrollment, Officers, Teachers, Pupils	Average Attendance	Is School Graded?	Is it Standard A-1?	Teachers Holding Normal Diplomas	Baptisms from School	Did you hold a daily Vacation Bible School?!
Center	Co.	J. M. Spicer, Thurmond	5	....	8	....	8	....	21	....	42	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cool Springs	Co.	M. L. Pettyjohn, Elkin	8	....	39	20	....	63	32	....	162	56	no	no	none	none	no
Elkin Valley	Co.	T. C. DeBorde, Elkin	7	48	24	20	21	42	52	20	227	106	no	no	none	.....	.....
Little Elkin	Co.	Martin Luffman, Ronda	5	12	....	26	....	....	22	....	65	.....	no	no	none	6	no
Macedonia	Co.	J. M. Lyon, Ronda	6	10	....	17	11	....	13	....	57	30	no	no	none	2	no
Pleasant Hill	Co.	D. W. Day, Elkin	14	12	15	50	22	53	87	24	277	113	yes	no	none	.....	no
Pleasant Home	Co.	James McCann, Lomax	8	16	....	14	15	18	17	....	88	50	yes	no	none	4	no
Poplar Springs	Co.	Dan W. Cochran, State Road	6	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	158	79	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rock Creek	Co.	Lester Johnson, Hays	6	10	11	17	10	14	10	....	78	55	no	no	none	.....	no
Shoaly Branch	Co.	W. L. Draughn, Benham	6	16	17	21	22	....	28	....	110	54	no	no	none	2	no
White Plains	Co.	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

TABLE III—Church Property of Elkin Baptist Association Year Ending Sept. 30, 1931.

CHURCHES	Church Clerks and Postoffices	Does Church Own Its House of Worship?	When was it Built?	Materials Used	Persons Seated	Number of Rooms	Dept. Assembly Rooms	Value of Church House and Grounds	Total Value All Church Property	Indebtedness on All Church Property	Insurance Carried
Center	P. A. Caudill, Thurmond	yes	1895	wood	300	1	none	1000.00	1000.00	none	none
Cool Springs	M. L. Pettyjohn, Elkin	yes	1805	wood	500	1	none	2500.00	2500.00	none	none
Elkin Valley	H. D. Woodruff, Elkin	yes		wood	300	1	none	1000.00	1000.00	none	none
Little Elkin	Vance Byrd, Ronda	yes		wood	350	1	none	1500.00	1500.00	none	none
Macedonia	C. R. Byrd, Ronda	yes	1898	wood	400	1	none	2000.00	2000.00	none	none
Pleasant Hill	E. F. Yarboro, Elkin	yes	1903	wood	500	1	none	4000.00	4000.00	none	none
Pleasant Home	J. W. Cheek, Roaring River	yes		wood	500	1	none	1500.00	1500.00	none	none
Poplar Springs	J. W. Gentry, State Road	yes		wood	300	1	none	1000.00	1000.00	none	none
Rock Creek	J. A. Sebastian, N. Wilkesboro	yes		wood	250	1	none	1000.00	1000.00	none	none
Shoaly Branch	L. C. Carter, Benham	yes	1893	wood	300	1	none	1500.00	1500.00	none	none
White Plains											

TABLE IV—Gifts For Local Church Work of Elkin Baptist Association For Year Ending Sept. 30, 1931.

CHURCHES	Regular Treasurers and Postoffices	Pastor's Salary	Other Salaries	Ministerial Help and Supply	Building and Repairs	Incidentals	Literature for S. S., B. Y. P. U., W. M. S.	Help Given to Local Poor	Printing Minutes and Clerk of Association	Other Objects	Total for local Church Work Given by S. S.	Total for local Church Work given by Church and all Organizations
Center	P. A. Caudill, Thurmond	$ 35.00					$ 4.00		$ 2.00			$ 41.00
Cool Springs	O. P. Holbrook, Elkin	50.00		$44.38				$ 6.58	5.00			105.96
Elkin Valley	H. D. Woodruff, Elkin	277.43	021.00	21.43	$25.00	$24.00	32.00		5.00			305.83
Little Elkin	Vance Byrd, Ronda	50.00		29.46					2.35			81.81
Macedonia	C. R. Byrd, Ronda	100.00		16.41					2.65			119.06
Pleasant Hill	E. F. Yarboro, Elkin	108.00		29.46		44.70	33.99	30.13	5.00	$20.22	$108.09	271.41
Pleasant Home	J. W. Cheek, Roaring River	60.00		16.00	106.00	14.00	10.00		3.00	1.00	16.00	209.00
Poplar Springs	D. E. Cockerham, State Road	50.00		14.00		8.00	14.07		3.00			89.07
Rock Creek	I. A. Sebastian, N. Wilkesboro	155.00				5.00	5.00		1.60		5.00	166.60
Shoaly Branch	J. C. Spencer, Benham	75.00		10.50	100.00	4.95	6.55		2.50			199.45
White Plains												

TABLE V—Gifts for Missions, Education and All Benevolences, Elkin Baptist Association For Year Ending September 30, 1931.

CHURCHES	Regular Treasurers and Postoffices	Special to Home Missions	Special to Orphanage	Special to Hospitals	Special to Old Ministers' Rel'ef	Other Special Gifts	Total for All Specials	Given by the S. S.	Total to all Missions, Education and Benev-olences	Grand Total all Gifts for all purposes by Churches and Depts.
Center	P. A. Caudill, Thurmond									$ 41.00
Cool Springs	O. P. Holbrook, Elkin		$ 7.90		$7.90		$15.80		$15.80	221.76
Elkin Valley	H. D. Woodruff, Elkin	$4.40	46.37		3.40		54.17		54.17	360.00
Little Elkin	Vance Byrd, Ronda									81.81
Macedonia	C. R. Byrd, Ronda									119.06
Pleasant Hill	E. F. Yarboro, Elkin		19.28	$6.47			25.75	$25.75	25.75	297.16
Pleasant Home	J. W. Cheek, Roaring River		3.38			$1.00	4.38		4.38	213.38
Poplar Springs	D. E. Cockerham, State Road									89.07
Rock Creek	J. A. Sebastian, N. Wilkesboro									166.60
Shoaly Branch	J. C. Spencer, Benham									199.45
White Plains										

MINUTES

OF THE

FIFTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

ELKIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

CONVENED WITH

POPLAR SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH

Sept. 30, Oct. 1 and 2, 1932

M. L. PETTYJOHN, Moderator .....Elkin, N. C.
J. W. CHEEK, Clerk .....Roaring River, N. C.

The next session will be held with Shoaly Branch Baptist Church, six miles North of Elkin, N. C., beginning on Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1933, at 10:00 A. M.

CARTER PRINTING CO., N. WILKESBORO, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS

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ELKIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Meeting With

POPLAR SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH

Sept. 30, Oct. 1 and 2, 1932

Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. I. W. Vestal, reading Matthew 5. Prayer by Rev. Eph Whisenhunt.

Introductory sermon by Rev. Richard Day. Text, Mark 13:37, "And what I say unto you I say unto all, Watch."

Association called to order by Moderator. Church letters called for, and the following handed in, read and delegates seated:

Center—P. A. Caudill.

Cool Springs—M. L. Pettyjohn, O. P. Holbrook, Edgar Newman.

Elkin Valley—T. C. DeBorde, H. D. Woodruff, Sam Johnson.

Little Elkin—Geo. W. Vanhoy, Neal Holbrook.

Macedonia—J. Major Lyon.

Mount Pleasant—S. P. Combs.

Pleasant Hill—R. W. Darnell, M. W. Evans.

Pleasant Home—John Q. Burcham, Jas. McCann, Coy Durham.

Poplar Springs—J. W. Gentry, D. E. Hinson, D. E. Cockerham.

Rock Creek—Lester Johnson.

Shoaly Branch—H. F. Tulburt.

White Plains—Rev. Jas. Bryant, C. A. Waddell.

By motion we receive Mount Pleasant Church by letter and delegates as a member of this Association, and welcome them with us.

By motion the Association was reorganized. M. L. Pettyjohn was elected Moderator and J. W. Cheek Clerk.

Visitors were invited. Rev. Eph Whisenhunt, Surry Association, and representing Orphanage, Revs. J. L. Martin, C. J. Hemric, C. G. Bryant, J. S. Hinson, R. E. Adams, from Yadkin Association, and Rev. I. W. Vestal, of Brier Creek, accepted seats with us.

Committees appointed:

Arrangements—T. C. DeBorde, J. W. Gentry, H. D. Woodruff, with Moderator and Clerk.

Pastor and Church Relations—J. L. Martin, I. W. Vestal.

Missions—Richard Day, R. E. Adams.

Religious Exercises—Delegates of Poplar Springs Church.

Periodicals—T. C. DeBorde, S. P. Combs.
Baptist Hospital—R. E. Adams, E. F. Hinson, J. W. Gentry.
Orphanage—Eph Whisenhunt, I. W. Vestal.
Ministers' Relief—J. S. Hinson, D. E. Cockerham.
State of the Churches—John Q. Burcham, Jas. McCann.
Christian Education—D. W. Cochran, Coy Durham.
Temperance—H. F. Tulburt, S. A. Johnson.
Finance—H. D. Woodruff, D. E. Hinson.
Resolutions—T. C. DeBorde, J. W. Cheek.
Time, Place and Preacher—H. F. Tulburt, P. A. Caudill, M. H. Royal.
Sunday School—D. W. Cochran, Geo. W. Vanhoy.
Adjourned for one hour.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Song, "We'll Work Till Jesus Comes." Prayer by Rev. J. L. Martin. Moderator called Association to order for business.

Appointed Committee on Obituaries—J. W. Gentry, T. C. DeBorde and Lester Johnson.

By motion we appoint an Executive Committee, viz: T. C. DeBorde, Chairman; J. W. Gentry, J. Major Lyon, J. M. Vanhoy, Chas. Spencer, D. W. Day, R. C. Harris.

By motion we appoint a Nominating Committee of three, viz: D. E. Hinson, H. F. Tulburt, M. H. Royal, to appoint a Chairman of the different Associational Committees, to write reports for the next session of this Association.

COMMITTEE

Missions—H. D. Woodruff, Elkin, N. C.
Periodicals—Rev. R. E. Adams, East Bend, N. C.
Baptist Hospital—D. W. Day, Elkin, N. C.
Orphanage—Lester Johnson, North Wilkesboro, N. C.
Ministers' Relief—Rev. Grant Cothren, Doughton, N. C.
Christian Education—J. W. Gentry, State Road, N. C.
Temperance—L. C. Carter, Benham, N. C.
Sunday School—Mrs. Paul Newman, Elkin, N. C.

D. E. HINSON,
H. F. TULBURT,
M. H. ROYAL,
Committee of Committees.

Committee on Arrangements report. By motion we receive report.

REPORT ON PASTOR AND CHURCH RELATIONS

They are so closely related that one cannot suffer without the other. In order for the members to grow in grace and knowledge of the Lord and Saviour, the pastor must feed them on the pure

word of God and enable each member to find out his work in the church. Paul taught the members of the church that they ought to esteem the pastor very highly for his work's sake. The members ought to pray for the pastor and support him with their means, I Cor. 16:1-2, "Now concerning the collection for the saints as I have given order to the churches of Galatia, even so do ye. Upon the first day of the week let everyone of you lay by him in store as God has prospered him, that there be no gathering when I come."

J. L. MARTIN,
I. W. VESTAL, Committee.

Remarks by I. W. Vestal, J. L. Martin, E. F. Hinson. Report adopted.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE

On November 11th, 1885, the first child was received into the Home. The last one enrolled, not including Mother's Aid, on October 1, 1931, runs the number to 2916. On June 4, 1932, there were 632 children in the Home. There were 696 enrolled in the Home last year.

We now have 298 children with 74 mothers cared for in their own homes by Mother's Aid. From the beginning we have helped by Mother's Aid 929 children. This makes 3852 children helped by the Home.

Dr. I. G. Greer has taken up his work in place of Dr. M. L. Kesler who passed through "The Golden Gates" early in the morning of August 27, 1932. Dr. Greer is God's man for the place. Let us stand by him by making an offering once a month through our Sunday Schools and a big Thanksgiving Offering on November 24. We now have twelve churches in the Elkin Association. There is not a Sunday School that cannot give at least one dollar per month for the home.

EPH WHISENHUNT,
I. W. VESTAL, Committee.

Remarks by Eph Whisenhunt. Report adopted.

REPORT ON MISSIONS

The Missionary spirit was born in the heart of Christ our Saviour, who said to His disciples in Acts 1:8, "But ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you; ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem and in all Judea and in Samaria and unto the uttermost parts of the earth." A brief survey of the facts will make celar some of the great work of our missionary enterprises. In China in 1814 there was one missionary; today we have about 500,000 Christians. William Carey died in 1834 after forty years of service in India having only a handful of converts; India averages 3,000 converts per month now. 4,000,000

people put their names down as Christians last census. There are 29,199 Foreign Missionaries and 157,735 native workers conducting work in 4,598 stations.

After all our weak efforts have not been in vain.

We would like to urge that each church take the every member canvass this year. I Cor. 16:2.

R. E. ADAMS,
R. F. DAY, Committee.

Remarks by R. E. Adams. Report adopted.

REPORT ON BAPTIST HOSPITAL

A part of the Master's work was to heal the sick while here on earth. We can have a part in this great work through our Baptist Hospital at Winston-Salem. The hospital did more than $50,000 in charity last year for the sick and needy.

1. We would recommend that we send our pay patients to the Baptist Hospital.

2. That we take the Mother's Day offering on the second Sunday in May to help our sick brothers.

R. E. ADAMS,
E. F. HINSON, Committee.

Remarks by R. E. Adams and Richard Day.

Committee on Religious Exercises report Rev. Lester Johnson preach tonight and Rev. John S. Hinson preach tomorrow at 11 A. M.

By motion adjourn until 9:30 tomorrow.

EVENING SERVICE

Singing by choir. Prayer by J. W. Gentry. Sermon by Rev. Lester Johnson. Text, Romans 6:23, "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." James 1:14-15, "But every man is tempted when he is drawn away of his own heart, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin; and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death."

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Song, "Come, Angel Band." Devotional by Bro. T. C. DeBorde, reading 2nd chapter of Phillipians. Prayer by Rev. J. S. Hinson. Moderator called Association to order, Clerk reading Friday's proceedings and adopting same.

REPORT ON OLD MINISTERS' RELIEF

We, your Committee on Old Ministers' Relief, report as follows: They having obeyed the command of God to go into all the world and preach the gospel have spent their best days in the service

and we therefore urge that this Association come to their relief through the churches and recommend that a special offering be taken in the churches at least twice annually for them.

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. S. HINSON,
D. E. COCHRAN, Committee.

Remarks by J. S. and E. F. Hinson. Report adopted.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS

In the literary or reading world, the Bible plainly stands out iminently, "head and shoulders" above any and all literature that has ever come from the writers pen. On its pages we find imprinted, Prophecy, which inspires the reader with faith in God's promises, and warns the sinner of the fearful danger of living in sin. We find History of men and races. We find Law, which is the basis of the laws upon which our Government was founded, and Poetry, the most sublime and beautiful that ever came from a writer's pen. Therefore we would urge the people to read and "Search the Scriptures, for in them ye think ye have eternal life." and "they are they which testify of me."

As it is conceded that the human mind grows and expands upon that upon which it feeds, we most sincerely urge that our people read the Bible, the Biblical Recorder, Charity and Children and such other religious literature as would bring about a spiritual development among our people.

T. C. DeBORDE,
S. P. COMBS, Committee.

Remarks by T. C. DeBorde. Adopted.

11:00 A. M. Sermon by Rev. J. S. Hinson. Text, James 2:26 and 4:17, "For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also." "Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin."

Adjourn for one hour.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Song, "Glory to His Name."

Moderator called Association to order.

REPORT ON STATE OF THE CHURCHES

Our churches are increasing in membership, also in Sunday School work.

Our churches are making a mistake by using too much formality and worldly affairs and leaving off reality.

Love is not being expressed as it once was and charity does not exist as it ought.

The publicity of our churches is covered up and hidden by the publicity of worldly things.

We recommend that we overcome the worldly publicity by increasing the publicity of our churches through prayer, Christian influence, co-operation and religious advertising.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN Q. BURCHAM,
J. E. McCANN, Committee.

Remarks by J. S. Hinson. Report adopted.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

We, your Committee, submit to you the fact, that Christian Education begins in the home. The first religious impression that is recorded on the child's mind comes from the influences thrown about the child in being reared in a devoted Christian home, and these impressions are as lasting as life.

The next influence that bears strongly on the child's Christian education is that implanted in the Sunday School. Let us add that this cannot be too strongly emphasized.

We, your Committee, wish to stress the fact, that some form of devotional exercise be held in the public schools each day as an aid to Christian education.

Since we are Baptists and aid Baptist institutions, we recommend that we patronize such schools and colleges if possible; but if not possible let us rise above sectarianism and send our children to some other Christian supported institution, because we realize that the first and fundamental principle of good citizenship is Christian education.

DON W. COCHRAN,
COY DURHAM, Committee.

Remarks by Don W. Cochran, T. C. DeBorde and J. Major Lyon. Report adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

In the 5th chapter of Isaiah we read: "Woe unto them that are mighty to drink wine, and men of strength to mingle strong drink: which justify the wicked for reward, and take away the righteousness from him."

Considering this truth we your committee recommend that the ministry and layety use every effort to stamp out the use of intoxicating beverages in their several communities.

Brthren, let us fight this great curse and let us as Baptists stand together on this great moral question of Prohibition regardless of party affiliation.

H. F. TULBERT,
S. A. JOHNSON, Committee.

Remarks by R. R. Crater, J. Major Lyon, Rev. E. F. Hinson and T. C. DeBorde.

By motion we adopt this report, and by a unanimous vote we put ourselves on record as standing for the enforcement of the 18th Amendment.

REPORT ON RESOLUTIONS

Resolved, That the Elkin Association tender its sincere and heartfelt thanks to the brethren, sisters, and friends of the Poplar Springs church and community for their unsurpassed kindness and hospitality to the said body during this session. May God's blessings rest upon them and theirs.

T. C. DeBORDE,
J. W. CHEEK, Committee.

REPORT ON TIME, PLACE AND PREACHER

We, your committee, report that the next session of the Elkin Baptist Association be held with Shoaly Branch Baptist Church, six miles North of Elkin, N. C., beginning on Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1933, at 10 A. M. We recommend Rev. Grant Cothren preach the Introductory Sermon at 11 A. M. Alternate, Rev. Lester Johnson.

H. F. TULBERT,
P. A. CAUDILL,
M. H. ROYAL, Committee.

FINANCE REPORT

Minute Funds	$32.91
Special Collection	2.42
Amount received	$35.33

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

We, your Committee, submit for your approval the following report:

The greater percentage of additions to our churches come from and through our Sunday Schools. These serve as a preparatory stage for the development of Christian precepts which lead to an early conversion to the faith of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ and keeps afresh in the mind of the adult his early acceptance of his faith in God.

One of the chief hindrances to our Sunday School spirit and development is the absence of parents who should take and not send their children.

Nothing is of more importance to the Sunday School, and can mean more to it, than the selection of conscientious and God-

fearing superintendents and teachers. "If the blind lead the blind all fall into the ditch together."

Now let us strive to develop a closer spirit of brotherhood and a nearness to our Redeemer by studying His word and life through the communion in our Sunday Schools, and further, let us co-operate with our local and other units by sending delegates to such meetings as may be called and reaping the reward that such experiences bring to us.

DON W. COCHRAN,
G. W. VANHOY, Committee.

SATURDAY EVENING SERVICE

Singing by choir. Sermon by Rev. E. F. Hinson. Text, Matthew 5:14, "Ye are the light of the world."

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES

Singing by choir. Devotional exercises by Bro. R. H. Laster, reading 122 Psalm.

Sunday School report discussed by Don W. Cochran, E. F. Hinson, J. L. Powers, Richard Day and M. L. Pettyjohn.

Sermon by Rev. John S. Hinson. Text, St. Mark 14:50, "And they all forsook him and fled." Galatians 6:8, "For he that soweth to the flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption, but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting."

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS

J. W. Bryant ..... Elkin, N. C.
M. F. Barker ..... R. 1, Roaring River, N. C.
C. C. Cockerham ..... R. 1, Roaring River, N. C.
Richard Day ..... Benham, N. C.
E. F. Hinson ..... State Road, N. C.
Lester Johnson ..... North Wilkesboro, N. C.
Levi McCann ..... R. 1, Roaring River, N. C.
Tom Shew ..... R. 2, North Wilkesboro, N. C.

LICENSED MINISTERS

Watson Bryant ..... Roaring River, N. C.
L. D. Luffman ..... Ronda, N. C.
Martin Luffman ..... Ronda, N. C.

OBITUARIES

Brother B. F. Tulbert was born Oct. 2, 1855. Professed religion in early life, and joined the church at Elkin Valley only about 20 years ago. He was elected a Deacon soon after joining the church and officiated in the duties of his office till his death which took place Sept. 27, 1932. He leaves a loving wife and 3 children to mourn his loss, with a host of relatives, friends and neighbors who also mourn his absence and miss his kindly companionship. His seat and office in the church is vacant, but his life in the church and community assures us of the fact that his soul is, at this moment, basking in the sunlight of God's eternal glory.

T. C. DeBORDE,
J. W. GENTRY,
LESTER JOHNSON, Com.

Whereas it has pleased Almighty God to remove from our midst our beloved Brother J. F. Burcham, a deacon and one of the chief mud-sills of both Poplar Springs Church and the Elkin Association, and whereas his good judgment and wise decisions have helped so much in promoting the great cause through both trying scenes and times of prosperity, and whereas his fatherly love and tender feeling towards others, and his great and increasing faith in his Maker, we believe Bro. Burcham could faithfully have repeated Paul's words, which read, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness." Therefore, be it resolved:

1st. That this church and Association realize a heavy loss in the passing of Bro. Burcham, but fully believe that our loss is heaven's gain.

2nd. That we extend to the bereaved family our heartfelt sympathies and earnest prayers.

J. W. GENTRY,
T. C. DeBORDE,
LESTER JOHNSON, Com.

Verlin Whitley was born April 24, 1860. Died Dec. 24, 1931. Being 71 years and 8 months of age. He joined the Baptist Church at the age of 21 years.

He was ordained a Deacon of the Rock Creek Baptist Church in 1899, to which church he remained a consistent member until death. He was also teacher of the Bible Class in Sunday School for a number of years.

The passing of Bro. Whitley to his great reward is deeply felt as a great loss to his friends and relatives, and no less to his church, Sunday School, and community.

T. C. DeBORDE,
J. W. GENTRY,
LESTER JOHNSON, Com.

OUR DEPARTED ONES

Center—Mrs. Rose Holcomb.

Cool Springs—Mr. J. F. Carter, Mrs. Media Harpe, Mr. J. V. Harris, Mrs. Catherine Carter, Mrs. M. E. Holcomb, Mrs. Pollie Durham.

Elkin Valley—Deacon B. F. Tulbert.

Pleasant Hill—Mr. Frank Pardue, Mr. Bena Couch, Mrs. Mary Luffman.

Pleasant Home—Miss Sarah Billings.

Poplar Springs—Deacon J. F. Burcham.

Rock Creek—Deacon V. Whitley, Mr. Herman Porter, Mrs. Canzada Myers.

TABLE I—Church Membership, Etc., Elkin Baptist Association September 30, 1932

CHURCHES	Village, Town, City or Country	When Constituted	Pastors and Postoffices	Days of Meeting	Members Reported Last Year	GAINS			LOSSES				Total Present Members	Weekly Prayer Meet.	Revivals during yr.	Ob. Lord's Supper	Rec. Sta. Bap. Paper
						Baptisms	Letters	Statements	Letters	Exclusions	Erasures	Deaths					
Center	Co.	1839	I. W. Vestal, Jonesville	1	44	4	3	1	1	1	....	1	49	yes	2	1	....
Cool Springs	Co.	1805	I. W. Vestal, Jonesville	2	225	18	2		....	....	....	6	239	....	....	1	....
Elkin Valley	Co.	1881	R. E. Adams, East eBnd	1	214	7	3	....	3	....	....	1	220	yes	1	1	....
Little Elkin	Co.	1905	Ed. O. Miller, Wibar	4	140	12	1		5	....	....	....	148	no	2	1	....
Macedonia	Co.	1889	J. W. Bryant, Elkin	1	164	....	4	....	1	....	....	....	167	no	1	1	....
Mount Pleasant	Co.	....	J. W. Bryant, Elkin	....	....	2	7	....	....	....	....	....	62	....	....	....	....
Pleasant Hill	V.	1897	J. W. Bryant, Elkin	4	305	28	13	....	5	....	....	3	338	....	2	1	3
Pleasant Home	Co.	1878	Grant Cothren, Doughton	4	169	1	....	....	....	....	....	1	169	no	1	1	1
Poplar Springs	Co.	1885	Richard Day, Benham	3	80	4	....	....	1	1	....	1	81	....	....	....	....
Rock Creek	Co.	1849	Ed. O. Miller, Wilbar	2	308	15	4	3	8	3	....	3	316	no	1	1	....
Shoaly Branch	Co.	1884	Grant Cothren, Doughton	3	127	....	....	....	....	....	8	....	119	....	2	1	1
White Plains	Co.	....	P. C. Parks, Cycle	3	129	13	4	....	....	....	....	....	146	no	2	....	....
Total	....	....	....	....	1905	104	37	4	24	5	8	16	2054	....	....	....	....

TABLE II—Sunday Schools of Elkin Baptist Association, September 30, 1932

CHURCHES	Village, Town, City or Country	Superintendents and Postoffices	Officers and Teachers	Beginners, 3 to 5	Primary, 6 to 8	Juniors, 9 to 12	Intermediates, 13 to 16	Young People, 17-24	Adults, 25 years up	Cradle Roll, under 3	Total Enrolled	Average Attendance	Is School Graded?	Is it Standard A-1?	Teachers Holding Normal Diplomas	Baptisms from S. S.	Have you Mission S.S.?	Did you hold Daily Vacation Bible School?
Center	Co.	P. A. Caudill, Thurmond	8	12	8	6	7	15	10	....	63	40	....	....	....	1	....	....
Cool Springs	Co.	O. P. Holbrook, Elkin	9	43	....	30	58	30	28	....	198	164	no	no	none	18	no	no
Elkin Valley	Co.	T. C. DeBorde, Elkin	7	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	250	138	*	no	....	....	....	....
Little Elkin	Co.	George Vanhoy, Ronda	5	26	....	47	....	....	34	....	112	100	no	....	....	11	....	....
Macedonia	Co.	J. W. Bradley, Ronda	5	12	....	13	....	....	25	....	55	29	no	....	....	....	....	....
Mount Pleasant	Co.	W. F. Carter, State Road	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	200	116	....	....	....	....	....	....
Pleasant Hill	V.	D. W. Day, Elkin	13	27	16	55	27	55	104	15	312	154	yes	no	none	....	no	no
Pleasant Home	Co.	James McCann, R. River	8	10	10	12	16	14	15	....	85	60	yes	no	none	1	no	no
Poplar Springs	Co.	R. H. Laster, State Road	6	35	....	29	44	....	34	....	148	67	....	....	....	....	....	....
Rock Creek	Co.	W. B. Luffman, N. Wilkesb.	6	15	16	12	10	50	16	....	125	60	no	no	....	8	no	....
Shoaly Branch	Co.	L. C. Carter, Benham	6	....	19	12	27	....	31	....	95	80	yes	no	none	2	no	no
White Plains	Co.	Rev. J. S. Bryant, R. River	7	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	50	50	....	....	....	....	....	....
Total	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1693	1058	....	....	....	....	....	....

*No and yes

TABLE III—Church Property of Elkin Baptist Association, September 30, 1932

CHURCHES	Church Clerks and Postoffices	Does Church Own Its House of Worship?	When was it Built?	Materials Used	Persons Seated	Number of Rooms	Dept. Assembly Rooms	Number Separate Class Rooms	Value of Church House and Grounds	Total Value All Church Property	Indebtedness on All Church Property	Insurance Carried
Center	P. A. Caudill, Thurmond	yes	1839	wood	300	1	none	none	1000.00	1000.00	none	none
Cool Springs	M. L. Pettyjohn, Elkin	yes	1805	wood	500	1	none	none	2500.00	2500.00	none	.....
Elkin Valley	H. D. Woodruff, Elkin	yes	1914	wood	300	1	none	none	2000.00	2000.00	none	none
Little Elkin	Vance Byrd, Ronda	yes	1915	wood	350	1	none	none	1500.00	1500.00	none	none
Macedonia	C. R. Byrd, Ronda	yes	.....	wood	400	1	none	none	2000.00	2000.00	none	none
Mount Pleasant	S. P. Combs, State Road	yes	.....	wood	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pleasant Hill	E. F. Yarboro, Elkin	yes	1903	wood	500	5	1	4	4000.00	4000.00	102.50	none
Pleasant Home	J. W. Cheek, Roaring River	yes	.....	wood	500	1	none	none	1500.00	1500.00	none	none
Poplar Springs	J. W. Gentry, State Road	yes	.....	wood	300	1	none	none	1000.00	1000.00	none	none
Rock Creek	J. A. Sebastian, N. Wilkesboro	yes	.....	wood	500	1	none	none	1500.00	1500.00	none	none
Shoaly Branch	L. C. Carter, Benham	yes	1894	wood	300	1	none	none	1500.00	1500.00	none	none
White Plains	Paul Byrd, Roaring River	yes	.....	wood	300	1	none	none	1000.00	1000.00	none	none

TABLE IV—Gifts for Local Church Work of Elkin Baptist Association September 30, 1932.

CHURCHES	Regular Treasurers and Postoffices	Pastor's Salary	Ministerial Help and Supply	Building and Repairs	Incidentals	Literature for S. S., B. Y. P. U., W. M. S.	Help Given to Local Poor	Printing Minutes and Clerk of Association	Other Objects	Total Given by the Church	Total Given by the Sunday School	Grand Total for Local Purposes given by the Church and all organizations.	Co-operative Program Special to Orphanage
Center	P. A. Caudill, Thurmond	$30.00	$10.00		$ 2.00	$ 4.00		$1.65		$ 47.65		$ 47.65	
Cool Springs		87.27	3.00		3.00	15.00	$5.00	2.30		115.57		115.57	$5.94
Elkin Valley		242.81	20.91		38.00	38.11	25.40	6.00		371.23		371.23	41.34
Little Elkin	Vance Byrd, Ronda	60.53						3.26		63.59		63.59	
Macedonia	C. R. Byrd, Ronda	100.00	10.50					1.80		112.30		112.30	
Mount Pleasant	S. P. Combs, State Road	102.86										102.86	31.35
Pleasant Hill	E. F. Yarboro, Elkin	100.00	67.62	1114.17	38.27	53.36	6.51	5.50	$9.50	188.06	1206.77	1394.83	5.15
Pleasant Home	Deacons, Roaring River	40.00	5.00		14.70	8.00		3.00		50.00	20.00	70.00	2.45
Poplar Springs	D. E. Cockerham, State Road	78.00	10.06		7.00	18.75		2.15	8.28	114.24		114.24	
Rock Creek	J. A. Sebastian, N. Wilkesboro	66.72	3.00	164.52	3.00	4.00		1.60		242.84		242.84	
Shoaly Branch	J. C. Spencer, Benham	50.00			10.85		20.00	1.85		81.85		81.85	2.00
White Plains								1.50					
Total		958.19	130.09	1278.69	116.82	141.22	56.91	30.61	17.78	1387.33	1226.77	2716.96	88.23

In addition to the above gifts, Cool Springs gave special to Old Ministers' Relief, $5.94; Elkin Valley to State Missions, $8.56, and to Hospitals $10.40. I saved one page by the above.—Clerk.

MINUTES

OF THE

FIFTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

ELKIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

CONVENED WITH

SHOALY BRANCH BAPTIST CHURCH

Sept. 29-30, Oct. 1, 1933

M. L. PETTYJOHN, Moderator ..... Elkin, N. C.
J. W. CHEEK, Clerk ..... Roaring River, N. C.

The next session will be held with Center Baptist Church, two miles southwest of Thurmond, N. C., beginning on Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1934, at 10 A. M.

PROCEEDINGS

of the

FIFTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION

of the

ELKIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Meeting With

SHOALY BRANCH BAPTIST CHURCH

Sept. 29-30, Oct. 1, 1933

Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. Lester Johnson, reading 2nd chapter of Hebrews.

Introductory sermon by Rev. Grant Cothren. Text, Ephesians 3:8, "Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ."

Moderator called the Association to order. Church letters called for, and the following handed in, read and delegates seated:

Center—P. A. Caudill, J. H. Collins.
Cool Springs—R. C. Harris, O. P. Holbrook, S. H. Couch.
Elkin Valley—T. C. DeBorde, H. D. Woodruff, S. A. Johnson.
Little Elkin—J. M. Vanhoy.
Macedonia—Clyde Burchette.
Mt. Pleasant—S. P. Combs, Walter Carter.
Pleasant Hill—G. F. Cautch, C. H. and David Day.
Pleasant Home—J. M. Byrd, L. L. Gentry, J. B. Edwards.
Poplar Springs—J. W. Gentry, D. E. Hinson, S. B. Mooney.
Rock Creek—Rev. Lester Johnson.
Shoaly Branch—H. F. Tolbert, J. B. Pardue, A. T. Gentry.
White Plains—W. M. Sparks, C. A. Waddell.

By motion we elect moderator and clerk by acclamation, and elected M. L. Pettyjohn, moderator and J. W. Cheek, clerk.

Visitors were invited.. Hilery Byrd and Rev. Grant Cothren, Stone Hountain; C. J. Hemric and Rev. R. E. Adams, Yadkin Association; Rev. I. W. Vestal, Briar Creek Association, accepted seats with us.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED

Missions—H. D. Woodruff, R. E. Adams.
Periodicals—R. E. Adams, Eph. Whisenhunt.
Baptist Hospital—G. F. Couch, H. F. Tulbert.

Orphanage—Lester Johnson, Dallas Hinson.

Ministers' Relief—Grant Cothren, T. C. DeBorde.

Christian Education—J. W. Gentry, J. M. Byrd.

Temperance—L. C. Carter, E. F. Hinson.

Sunday School—Mrs. Paul Newman, Walter Carter.

Committee on Religious Exercises—L. L. Gentry and delegates of Shoaly Branch church.

Committee on Arrangements—T. C. DeBorde, S. P. Combs, with moderator and clerk.

State of the Churches—I. W. Vestal, Lester Johnson.

Resolutions—T. C. DeBorde, J. B. Edwards.

Finance—H. D. Woodruff, Walter Carter.

Obituaries—Lester Johnson, J. W. Gentry, Clyde Burchette, J. M. Vanhoy.

Pastor and Church Relations—T. C. DeBorde, J. B. Pardue.

Adjourn until 1:30.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Song. Prayer by Rev. Lester Johnson. Moderator called Association to order for business.

By motion we take up report on Orphanage.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE

The first child was received into the Orphanage on Nov. 11, 1885. The last one enrolled, not including mothers' aid, July 24, 1933, runs the number up to 3,022.

For 13 years mothers' aid work has been in operation. We are now aiding in their own home 215 children with 55 mothers. These added to the number now present in the Orphanage make 848 children in the care of North Carolina Baptists.

The institution was at first sponsored by the North Carolina Baptist Orphanage Association. But after a few years the Baptist State Convention adopted it as one of its children.

It has been operated under a charter which has been amended five times, the last one recommended by the 1928 session of the convention, which changed the name from the Thomasville Baptist Orphanage to the Mills Home, in honor of the founder of the orphanage work in North Carolina.

The Orphanage has had four general managers: J. H. Mills, from 1885 to 1895; J. B. Boone, from 1895 to 1905; M. L. Kesler, from 1905 to 1932. I. G. Greer, who took up the work in place of Mr. Kesler, who went to his great reward on August 27, 1932.

The present policy is that no child be received without careful investigation. Children are received between the ages of 2 and 12 years, and dismissed according to preparation rather than age.

The chief purpose of the Home is to produce the highest quality of men and women possible of the children that are admitted.

LESTER JOHNSON,
D. E. HINSON, Committee.

Remarks by D. E. Hinson, R. D. Covington, M. L. Pettyjohn, T. C. DeBorde, I. W. Vestal, C. J. Hemric. Report adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

Brethren of the Elkin Association: There never has been a moment from the earliest dawn of civilization up to the present time when the subject of Temperance has appealed to and been stressed by any generation of people as it should be now, by Christian people everywhere.

We should be temperate in all things, especially in things that tend to lower morals or injure health. It is clearly the duty of all people to abstain from the use of all alcoholic beverages and narcotics. The use of alcohol, or any intoxicating drink, used as a beverage, either legal or illegal, is a curse. Alcohol is, perhaps, the greatest curse known to humanity. Drunkenness is one of our greatest evils. The Scriptures say no drunkards shall enter into the Kingdom of Heaven. Drunkenness, at the present time, is perhaps doing more injury to the home, the church and the community than any other evil.

We, therefore, solicit the co-operation of Baptists everywhere and especially the Baptists of the Elkin Association, to stress the importance of Temperance in this great crisis of today. "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual weakness in high places." Eph. 6:12.

Respectfully,
L. C. CARTER.
E. F. HINSON, Committee.

Remarks by J. D. Luffman, R. E. Adams, E. F. Hinson, I. W. Vestal, Grant Cothren, Lester Johnson, M. L. Pettyjohn, Johnie Luffman. Report adopted.

Committee on Religious Exercises report:

Rev. R. E. Adams to preach tonight at 7:30.

By motion adjourn until 9 a. m. tomorrow.

FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Singing by choir. Prayer by Rev. Lester Johnson. Song, "I want them to see Jesus in me." Prayer by Bro. Johnnie Luffman. Sermon by Rev. R. E. Adams. Text, Psalm, "The Lord knoweth all about us."

SATURDAY MORNING, SEPT. 30

Song, "Amazing Grace." Prayer by Bro. T. C. DeBorde. Moderator called Association to order for business.

Clerk read preceding minute and it was adopted.

REPORT ON MISSIONS

The crowning work of our Master was the atonement for sin to redeem us from death. The climax of His message to men was to go ye therefore and teach all nations, Matt. 28:19. But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and Samaria and unto the uttermost parts of the earth, Acts 1:8. In this commission there is State, Home and Foreign missions.

We are glad that we as Baptists received this challenge and sent out the first foreign missionary since the days of Paul. William Carey from England, Adoniram Judson and Luther Rice from America, to India. Since that time God has richly blessed the work. A number of our strongest churches in our own state had their beginning with State Missions. The Home Mission task is to give the foreigners, Indians and negroes within our own territory the Gospel of Jesus. There are more than nineteen million such in our southland. This is a big task but a glorious opportunity. Then out to the uttermost parts of the earth to those who are dying without Christ. Let us live, pray and give for our lost brothers' sake, at home and across the sea.

All undesignated funds sent to the executive committee of the Southern Baptist Convention are divided among the following Southern Baptist Convention enterprises according to the ratio indicated:

Foreign Missions, 50%; Home Missions, 23 1-3%; Relief and Annuity, 7%; Education Board, 3 1-3% Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., 4 1-5%; Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, 4 1-5%; Baptist Bible Institute, New Orleans, La., 3 9-10%; W. M. U. Training School, Louisville, Ky., 0 8-15%; American Baptist Tehological Seminary (Negro), Nashville, Tenn., 1%; New Orleans Baptist Hospital 2 1-2%. Total 100.

Respectfully submitted,

H. D. WOODRUFF,

R. E. ADAMS, Committee.

Remarks by Rev. E. F. Hinson. Report adopted.

Invitation extended to visitors, when Rev. W. F. Weatherman, of Briar Creek Association, accepted a seat with us.

REPORT ON BAPTIST HOSPITAL

We, your committe, beg to report: A great part of Christ's work while here on earth was to heal the sick. If we would live Christ-like we would take part in this great work, and the best way we can do our part is to use our means and influence to help support the Baptist Hospital at Winston-Salem. And we recommend that our churches take an offering once a year to help any sick ones.

H. F. TULBERT,
G. F. COUCH, Committee.

Remarks by T. C. DeBorde, Rev. W. F. Weatherman. Report adopted.

REPORT ON MINISTERS' RELIEF

Our old pioneer preachers, having given their lives, time, and talent to the preaching and spread of the Gospel, in the days of adversity and danger, we feel it our Christian duty to see that they are cared for in a Christian manner in their old age and dotage. Therefore, we recommend each church do its duty accordingly.

GRANT COTHREN,
T. C. DeBORDE, Committee.

Remarks by T. C. DeBorde, Rev. E. F. Hinson, M. L. Pettyjohn. Report adopted.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Children are great imitators and as a rule imitate their parents whom they take to be the best people in the world. So parents, and more especially Christian parents, should be very careful in training their children and how they conduct their lives before them.

But so many of our homes are non-Christian homes that a great work is left for our Sunday schools and day schools. Our Sunday schools cannot reach nearly so many of our boys and girls as our day schools, neither do they have them so much of the time, therefore, there is a great opportunity for our day schools to instill in the minds of our children a high type of Christian ideals. And since our denominational schools have decreased and our state schools increased;

We, your committee, recommend that our Christian leaders get behind our school boards and do all they can to influence them to employ Christian teachers who will read and teach God's word to our children and train their hearts as well as their minds.

Respectfully submitted,
J. W. GENTRY,
J. M. BYRD, Committee.

Remarks by J. W. Gentry, Rev. M. F. Barker. Report adopted.

REPORT ON PASTOR AND CHURCH RELATIONS

The relation existing between the pastor and his church is almost identical with the shepherd and his flock. The progress, the health, and increase, of the flock depends, largely upon the watch-care, and food which he gives to the flock. And the shepherd thrives and rejoices in the increase, health, and strength of his flock. Just so, the church grows strong through the preaching of the soul-food doctrines found throughout the Bible, and the pastor thrives spiritually as he sees his church growing from grace to grace.

And inasmuch as the pastor imparts to the church spiritual things, think it not a little thing, if you impart to him your temporal things. Muzzle not the mouth of the ox that treadeth out the corn.

J. B. PARDUE,
T. C. DeBORDE, Committee.

Remarks by H. D. Woodruff, T. C. DeBorde and E. F. Hinson. Report adopted.

Committee on Religious Exercises report: Rev. E. F. Hinson to preach at 11 a. m.

STATE OF THE CHURCHES

Our churches are increasing in membership, also in Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. work. Our churches are making a mistake by systematizing their work.

Our church members do not show brotherly love toward each other as they ought. We feel that our widows and orphans are being neglected in our churches. Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction and keep himself unspotted from the world.

We recommend that we overcome worldly publicity by increasing publicity in our churches through prayer and sanctifying of God's word and through Christian influence and religious work.

I. W. VESTAL,
LESTER JOHNSON, Committee.

Remarks by Lester Johnson. Report adopted.

REPORT ON TIME, PLACE AND PREACHER

We, your committee, report the next session of the Elkin Baptist Association be held with Center Baptist church, two miles southwest of Thurmond, N. C., beginning on Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1934, at 10 a. m. We recommend Rev. Lester Johnson to preach the introductory sermon at 11 a. m. Alternate, Rev. Rich Day.

P. A. CAUDILL,
H. D. WOODRUFF, Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

We, your Committee on Committees, beg to report as follows:
Missions—R. C. Harris, Elkin, N. C.
Periodicals—T. C. DeBorde, Elkin, N. C.
Baptist Hospital—J. W. Gentry, State Road, N. C.
Orphanage—Geo. Vanhoy, Ronda, N. C.
Ministers' Relief—Lester Johnson, North Wilkesboro, N. C.
Christian Education—Rev. James Bryant, Roaring River, N. C.
Temperance—C. R. Byrd, Ronda, N. C.
Pastoral and Church Relations—James McCann, Roaring River, N. C.
Resolutions—S. P. Combs, State Road, N. C.
State of Churches—George Couch, Elkin, N. C.
Report on Sunday Schools—Annie Lee Gilliam, Benham, N. C.

D. E. HINSON,
H. F. TULBERT,
P. A. CAUDILL, Committee.

11 a. m. Sermon by Rev. E. F. Hinson. Text, Matthew 22:21, "They say unto him, Caesar's. Then saith he unto them, Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's, and unto God the things that are God's."

Adjourn for one hour.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Song, "We Praise Thee, O God." Prayer by Rev. J. L. Powers. Moderator called Association to order for business.

Extended an invitation to visitors. Rev. C. A. Upchurch, of Raleigh Association; Rev. J. L. Powers and J. M. Tilly, of Surry Association; J. D. Darnell, of Mecklenburg-Cabarrus Association, accepted seats with us.

Sermon and prohibition speech by Rev. C. A. Upchurch. By motion we take a collection for the United Dry Forces in North Carolina and receive $4.42.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS

In the world of literature, the Bible takes a permanent place. In history it is the masterpiece, the foundation of reforms, the way of salvation. It is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believe. Life and character are molded largely by literature. The Biblical Recorder and Charity and Children are our Baptist papers and are a source of information to our people. Let us pledge our support to our papers and our whole Baptist program.

R. E. ADAMS, Committee.

Report adopted.

FINANCE REPORT

Amount received from churches	$33.10
Special Collection	2.71
Amount received	$35.81

H. D. WOODRUFF,
WALTER F. CARTER, Com.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Why do our great religious leaders advocate Sunday Schools? Because our gentle Savior gave this commandment: "Search the Scriptures for in them ye think ye have eternal life and they are they which testify of me." Then said the beloved Paul to Timothy: "Study to shew thyself approved unto God a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." Again we hear the wise man Solomon saying: "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it."

Need we a better place to carry out these great commandments than the Sunday School? We dare say that if every father and mother would go with their children to Sunday School from childhood that a still greater per cent of our church members would come from the Sunday School. And they would be so enlightened in the word that they would not be deceived or misled. They would be ready to put on the whole armor of God that they might be able to withstand the wiles of the devil; to fight a good fight and finish the course. If seed are sown in unprepared soil do we expect a good yield? Let us be preparing in the Sunday School for a good yield in the church, and striving to make our Sunday Schools more evangelistic.

MRS. PAUL NEWMAN,
WALTER CARTER, Commitee.

REPORT ON RESOLUTIONS

The Elkin Baptist Association in conference, wishes to express its thanks and appreciation to the Shoaly Branch church and community for their kindness and co-operation in supporting this association. May God's blessings be showered upon you.

T. C. DeBORDE,
J. B. EDWARDS, Committee.

Committee on Religious Exercises report: Rev. Lester Johnson to preach tonight at 7:30 and Rev. J. L. Powers tomorrow at 11 a. m.

Song, "Blest be the tie that binds." Prayer by Rev. J. M. Tilly. Adjourn until 7:30 tonight.

SATURDAY EVENING SERVICE

Singing by choir. Sermon by Rev. Lester Johnson. Text, Hebrews 2:1, "Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip."

SUNDAY MORNING

Song, 'O for a closer walk with God." Devotional conducted by Bro. Dallas Carter, reading 55th chapter of Isaiah. Prayer by Will Cooper. Take up Sunday School report. Remarks by Mrs. Paul Newman, Mrs. Sallie Norman, H. F. Tulbert, M. L. Pettyjohn, J. L. Powers, M. F. Cooper, Walter Carter and Richard Day.

11 a. m. Sermon by Rev. J. L. Powers. Text, Genesis 3:9, "And the Lord God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou?"

Then adjourned until time and place of the next session of the Elkin Association.

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS

J. W. Bryant ..... Elkin, N. C.
Jas. Bryant ..... Roaring River, N. C.
J. A. Blevins ..... Hays, N. C.
M. F. Barker ..... Roaring River, N. C.
C. C. Cockerham ..... Route 1, Roaring River, N. C.
Richard Day ..... Benham, N. C.
E. F. Hinson ..... State Road, N. C.
Lester Johnson ..... North Wilkesboro, N. C.
Ely Jordan ..... Elkin, N. C.
Levi McCann ..... Route 1, Roaring River, N. C.
Tom Shew ....., Route 2, North Wilkesboro, N. C.

LICENSED MINISTERS

Watson Bryant ..... Roaring River, N. C.
J. D. Luffman ..... Ronda, N. C.
Johnnie Luffman ..... Ronda, N. C.

OBITUARIES

Brother C. R. Durham was born Feb. 28, 1867, professed a hope in Christ in early life and joined Macedonia church, moving his membership to Little Elkin church when it was organized. Was elected one of the first Deacons of Little Elkin church. Moved his membership back to Macedonia church Feb. 3, 1929. Died Feb. 19, 1933.

He leaves a loving wife and five children to mourn his death, with a host of friends, neighbors and relatives to mourn his going. We must be submissive to the will of God and realize our loss is his eternal gain. Brother Durham's seat and office is vacant, but his life was so lived at home and church and community that we realize he has inherited that home God has gone to prepare for all the redeemed.

CLYDE BURCHETTE,
J. M. VANHOY, Committee.

Mr. Paul Buel Brown was born Feb. 9, 1913. He died Jan. 7, 1933, being 19 years, 11 months and 8 days of age. He was the son of Leona Brown, grandson of B. J. and N. J. Brown, with whom he made his home. He professed religion and joined Rock Creek Baptist church during the revival in 1932. Paul was a young man widely known and loved by all who knew him. We believe that when he departed this life he laid down a life of earthly sorrow and took on a life of heavenly happiness in the paradise of God.

LESTER JOHNSON,
J. W. GENTRY, Committee.

Mrs. Jane Johnson was born August 22, 1853. Died April 26, 1933, age 79 years, 8 months and 4 days. She professed religion and joined the Baptist church at an early age. She had been a member of Rock Creek Baptist church for 30 years, to which church she was a faithful member, always filling her seat when it was possible for her to go. The passing of Aunt Jane, as she was known, was a loss deeply felt both in the church and community. But this earthly loss was a heavenly gain.

LESTER JOHNSON,
J. W. GENTRY, Committee.

OUR DEPARTED ONES

Cool Springs—Mr. Jonas Benge, Mrs. Beckie Jefferson, Mrs. Annie Ballard, Mrs. Matilda Calhoun, Mrs. Stella Lyall.

Elkin Valley—Mrs. Mary Goldin.

Little Elkin—Mr. C. L. Byrd, Mrs. M. H. Walls.

Macedonia—Deacon C. R. Durham.

Pleasant Home—Mr. J. F. Tharpe, Mrs. Armedia Flynn, Mrs. Emily McBride, Mrs. Mollie E. Burchette.

Pleasant Hill—Mr. James Mathis, Mrs. Lillie Money, Mrs. Sarah Wood, Mrs. Hattie Couch.

Poplar Springs—Mrs. Mary Burcham.

Rock Creek—Mrs. Janie Johnson, Mr. Paul Brown, Mr. Robert Stone, Mr. James Combs.

Shoaly Branch—Mr. H. J. Carter, Mrs. Laura Carter.

TABLE I—Church Membership, Etc., of Elkin Baptist Association, Year Ending Sept. 30, 1933

CHURCHES	Village, Town City or Country	When Constituted	Pastors and Postoffices	Days of Meeting	Members Reported Last Year	GAINS				LOSSES				Total Present Members	Weekly Prayer Meet.	Revivals During Yr.	Ob. Lord's Supper	Rec. State Bap. Paper
						Baptisms	Letters	Statements	Restorations	Letters	Exclusions	Erasures	Deaths					
Center	Co.	1839	W. F. Weatherman, Jonesville	1	49					3				46				
Cool Springs	Co.	1805	I. W. Vestal, Jonesville	2	239		5			5			5	234	yes	1	1	12
Elkin Valley	Co.	1881	R. E. Adams, King	1	220	9	9			3			1	234	yes	1	1	1
Little Elkin	Co.	1905	Ed O. Miller, Wilbar	4	148	14	8	3		7			2	164	no	1	1	
Macedonia	Co.	1889	I. W. Vestal, Jonesville	1	167	3	2			8			1	163	no	1	1	2
Mount Pleasant	Co.	1887	J. W. Bryant, Elkin	3	62	5	13	1		2			1	78	yes	1	1	
Pleasant Hill	V.	1897	J. W. Bryant, Elkin	4	338	7	5			1			4	345	no	2	1	2
Pleasant Home	Co.	1878	Grant Cothren, Doughton	4	169	2	7			1		1	4	172	yes	1	1	
Poplar Springs	Co.	1885	Ely Jordan, Elkin	3	87	7	3		1	2			1	95	no	1	1	
Rock Creek	Co.	1849	L. B. Murray, State Road	2	316	2				2	1	1	4	310	no	1	1	
Shoaly Branch	Co.	1884	A. B. Hays, Hays	3	127	20	3			2			1	150	no	2	1	
White Plains	Co.		P. C. Parks, Cycle	3	146	4				3		1		146	no	1	1	

TABLE II—Sunday Schools of Elkin Baptist Association, for Year Ending Sept. 30, 1933

CHURCHES	Village, Town City or Country	Superintendents and Postoffices	Beginners, 3 to 5	Primary, 6 to 8	Juniors, 9 to 12	Intermediates, 13-16	Young People, 17-24	Adults, 25 years up	Cradle Roll, under 3	Oficers and Teachers	Total Enrolled	Average Attendance	Is School Graded?	Is it Standard A-1?	Teachers, Norm. Dip.	Baptisms from S. S.	Mission S. S.?	Did you hold Daily Vaca. Bible School?
Center	Co.	P. A. Caudill, Thurmond									60							
Cool Springs	Co.	Paul Newman, Elkin								7	175	137	yes	no	no		yes	no
Elkin Valley	Co.	T. C. DeBorde, Elkin								10	322	162	yes			9		
Little Elkin	Co.	E. Pardue, Ronda	29			25	37	22		6	119	65	yes			6		
Macedonia	Co.	T. L. Byrd, Ronda	12		15			20			47	33	yes			5		
Mount Pleasant	Co.	W. F. Carter, State Road								6	192	95	yes					
Pleasant Hill	V.	D. W. Day, Elkin	38	24	52	34	61	88	28	15	340	138	yes		1	1		
Pleasant Home	Co.	Odell Cockerham, Ro. River		16	14	16	20	20		7	93	60	yes			2		
Poplar Springs	Co.	R. H. Laster, State Road								6	142	68	yes					
Rock Creek	Co.	Watson Bryant, N. Wilkesb	12	13	20	12	30	19	4	5	115	50	yes					
Shoaly Branch	Co.	Dallas Carter, Benham		14	13		35	27		6	95	55	yes					
White Plains	Co.	W. S. Alexander, Ro. River								5	75							

TABLE III—Church Property of Elkin Baptist Association, for Year Ending Sept. 30, 1933

CHURCHES	Church Clerks and Postoffices	Does Church Own its House of Worship?	When Was It Built?	Material Used	Persons Seated	Number of Rooms	Number Department Assembly Rooms	Number Separate Class Rooms	Value of Church House and Grounds	Total Value of All Church Property	Indebtedness on All Church Property	Insurance Carried
Center	P. A. Caudill, Thurmond	yes	1839	wood	300	1	none	none	1000	1000	none	none
Cool Springs	M. L. Pettyyjohn, Elkin	yes	1805	wood	500	1	none	none	2500	2500	none	none
Elkin Valley	H. D. Woodruff, Elkin	yes	1914	wood	500	7	7	7	3000	3000	none	none
Little Elkin	Thos. J. Walls, Ronda	yes	1915	wood	350	1	none	none	1500	1500	none	none
Macedonia	C. R. Byrd, Ronda	yes		wood	400	1	none	none	2000	2000	none	none
Mount Pleasant	S. P. Combs, State Road	yes	1905	wood	500	1	none	none	2000	2000	none	none
Pleasant Hill	E. F. Yarboro, Elkin	yes	1903	wood	500	5	4	4	4000	4000	none	none
Pleasant Home	J. W. Cheek, Roaring River	yes		wood	500	1	none	none	1000	1000	none	none
Poplar Springs	J. W. Gentry, State Road	yes		wood	300	1	none	none	1000	1000	none	none
Rock Creek	J. A. Sebastian, N. Wilkesboro	yes		wood	500	1	none	none	1000	1000	none	none
Shoaly Branch	L. C. Carter, Benham	yes	1894	wood	300	1	none	none	1500	1500	none	none
White Plains	G. T. Brown, Roaring River	yes		wood	300	1	none	none	1000	1000	none	none

TABLE IV—Gifts for Local Church Work of Elkin Baptist Association for Year Ending September 30, 1933.

CHURCHES	Regular Treasurers and Postoffices	Pastor's Salary	Other Salaries	Ministerial Help and Supply	Building and Repairs	Incidentals	Literature for S. S. B. Y. P. U., W. M. S.	Help Given to Local Poor	Printing Minutes and Clerk of Association	Other Objects	Given by Church	Given by Sunday School	Total for Local Purposes given by the Church and all its Organizations
Center	P. A. Caudill, Thurmond	30.00							2.00		32.00		32.00
Cool Springs	O. P. Holbrook, Elkin	68.36	8.00					5.00	2.35		84.71		84.71
Elkin Valley	R. C. Woodruff, Elkin	324.00		16.25	723.27	37.00	57.39		5.80				1163.71
Little Elkin	T. J. Walls Ronda	83.00							1.65				84.65
Macedonia	C. R. Byrd, Ronda	75.00		14.75			3.00		2.00				94.73
Mount Pleasant	T. A. Gentry, State Road	85.00		65.00					2.00				152.00
Pleasant Hill	E. F. Yarboro, Elkin	115.99		56.12	8.00	13.05	60.56	5.00	5.00	20.00	198.16	285.18	483.34
Pleasant Home	W. G. Burcham, Roaring River	40.00		10.00		15.00	9.00		3.20		61.20	16.00	77.20
Poplar Springs	J. W. Gentry, State Road	53.33		20.00		6.00	14.94		2.00				96.52
Rock Creek	J. A. Sebastian, N. Wilkesboro	55.19		5.00			5.00		2.10		62.29	5.00	67.29
Shoaly Branch	J. C. Spencer, Benham	80.00							3.00				83.00
White Plains	G. T. Brown, Roaring River								2.00	33.00			35.00

TABLE V (Condensed)—Gifts for Missions, Education and Benevolences, Elkin Baptist Association, Sept. 30, 1933.

Cool Springs—Special to Orphanage, $4.89; Special to Old Ministers' Relief, $4.89; Total, $9.78. Elkin Valley—Special to Orphanage, $48.36; Special to Hospitals, $19.00; Total, $67.36. Mount Pleasant—Special to Orphanage, $26.20. Pleasant Hill—Special to Orphanage, $17.32; Special to Hospitals, $7.16; Total Given by the Sunday School, $24.48. Pleasant Home—Special to Hospitals, $2.00. Poplar Springs—Special to Orphanage, $1.00.

MINUTES

OF THE

FIFTY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

ELKIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

CONVENED WITH

CENTER BAPTIST CHURCH

Oct. 5, 6, 7, 1934

M. L. PETTYJOHN, Moderator .....Elkin, N. C.
J. W. CHEEK, Clerk ..... Roaring River, N. C.

The next session will be held with Pleasant Home Baptist Church, one and one-half miles east of Shepherd's Cross Roads, beginning on Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1935.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

FIFTY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

ELKIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

MEETING WITH

Center Baptist Church

OCTOBER 5, 6 and 7, 1934.

Devotional exercises conducted by O. P. Holbrook, reading Luke 81:16. Prayer by D. W. Day.

Moderator called the association to order. Church letters called for, and the following handed in, read and delegates seated:

Center—P. A. Caudill, J. F. Brewer.

Cool Springs—O. P. Holbrook, Paul Newman, M. L. Pettyjohn.

Elkin Valley—H. D. Woodruff, M. Royal, S. Sparks, Carl DeBorde.

Little Elkin—

Macedonia—

Mount Pleasant—S. P. Combs, John Brookshire, Boyd Walls, Robert Walters.

Pleasant Hill—D. W. Day, G. F. Couch, D. C. Gilliam.

Pleasant Home—J. B. Edwards, J. Q. Burcham.

Poplar Springs—J. W. Gentry, D. E. Cockerham.

Rock Creek—Rev. Lester Johnson.

Shoaly Branch—H. F. Tulbert, A. T. Gentry, D. F. McCann.

White Plains—Watson Bryant, W. M. Sparks, Irvin Sparks.

On motion of H. D. Woodruff, we have the introductory sermon at this time. Sermon by Rev. Lester Johnson, reading the 6th chapter of Revelations. Text, Rev. 6:17, Hebrews 10:31.

On motion of J. W. Gentry we elect moderator and clerk by acclamation, and elected M. L. Pettyjohn moderator and J. W. Cheek clerk.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED

Missions—D. W. Day, M. A. Huggins.

Periodicals—M. H. Royal.

Baptist Hospital—J. W. Gentry.

Orphanage—S. P. Combs.

Ministers' Relief—Lester Johnson.

Christian Education—Boyd Walls, A. T. Gentry.

Temperance—John Q. Burcham.

Pastor and Church Relations—J. B. Edwards, Lester Johnson.

Resolutions—S. P. Combs.

State of the Churches—J. F. Brewer, Lester Johnson.

Finance—H. D. Woodruff, D. W. Day.

Sunday Schools—Annie Lee Gilliam, John Q. Burcham.

Time, Place and Preacher—J. Q. Burcham, W. M. Sparks, Lester Johnson.

Religious Exercises—Judge Collins and delegates of Center church.

Visitors invited. W. R. Beach responded and ably discussed the Biblical Recorder.

On motion, adjourned until 1:30 P. M.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Rev. W. F. Weatherman read 15th chapter of St. John. Song, "Glory To His Name." Prayer by Paul Caudill.

Moderator called the association to order.

Called for report on Missions and M. A. Huggins, of Raleigh, N. C., ably discussed it.

REPORT ON MISSIONS

The work of State Missions has come to embrace many activities and interests. In the beginning State Missions aided only weak and struggling churches in strategic centers. And some of them have now become our strongest churches.

In more recent times other activities have been added and have become a part of State Mission program. Such as aiding pastors of weak churches, building programs, Sunday School revivals, training teachers, equipments, B. Y. P. U. work, etc. Also Christian education, aid to sick soldiers at Oteen, ministering to the Indians in North Carolina, and aid to our negro brethren which number about a quarter million in this state.

These agencies are only instruments or means, the purpose is to make North Carolina Christian, not only in name but in fact.

The Home Mission Board would invite Southern Baptists to think of Home Mission work in the light of present-day world movements. The old frontiers of Home Missions have passed and new frontiers have taken their place. The "man who does not have a chance" in the home land today is not on the far-flung horizon line, but in the congested sections of our cities. And these cities are more and more becoming pagan in their thought and life.

The Indians, the foreigners, the Jews, the deaf mutes, the

underprivileged, and the negroes are our field, and together they "cover Dixie like the dew."

The board has in all 202 missionaries and workers. It is maintaining over 400 mission stations and preaching places; five goodwill centers, two rescue missions, and a seamen's institute; it has fifteen schools operated by its missionaries, it is operating a tubercular sanatorium; and has a building and loan department with over a million dollars loaned to churches.

The Home Mission Board has paid over $700,000 on its debts and the mission work since 1928.

Foreign Missions are doing work in 14 countries, Southern Baptists have only 394 missionaries. Seven years ago there were 544. The figures themselves tell a story of closed hospitals and schools, abandoned stations and forsaken native workers; overworked missionaries and lost opportunities. But the days of retreat have passed. The Foreign Mission work is facing forward and onward. Already great victories for Christ are being won.

The Foreign Mission Board has stayed within its budget. This is the firm resolve for all future. The debts have been reduced in a great way during the past few months.

Respectfully submitted,
M. A. HUGGINS,
D. W. DAY, Committee.

REPORT ON BAPTIST HOSPITAL

January 1, 1934, to June 30, 1934, six months, patients entering hospital	1,472
Full pay patients	981
Part pay patients	555
Free patients	156
Patients' days	12,204
Free patients' days	5,669
Cost of free patients for six months	$14,676.00
Mother's Day offerings	$13,057.97
Average number of patients per day	67
Average number of charity patients per day	22
Number of nurses	42
Number of doctors	60
Number of patients entered since opening of hospital May 28, 1923, to August 15, 1934	24,860
Number of churches contributing through Mothers' Day offerings	1,260

We, your committee, recommend that all pay patients who can conveniently patronize our own Baptist hospital do so, and

that each church do its part to raise a nice sum on Mother's Day to aid the hospital in caring for the needy ones.

J. W. GENTRY,

W. F. WEATHERMAN, Committee.

Remarks by J. W. Gentry, W. F. Weatherman, H. D. Woodruff, D. W. Day and M. L. Pettyjohn. Report adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

We, your nominating committee, beg to report as follows:

Missions—Millard Royall, Elkin.

Periodicals—S. P. Combs, State Road.

Baptist Hospital—Lester Johnson, Hays.

Orphanage—H. F. Tulbert, Benham.

Ministers' Relief—George Couch, Elkin.

Christian Education—Watson Bryant, North Wilkesboro Rt. 2.

Temperance—John Q. Burcham, Lomax.

Pastor and Church Relations—J. D. Luffman, Ronda Route 1.

Resolution—J. W. Gentry, State Road.

State of Churches—Thomas Walls, Ronda Route 1.

Sunday Schools—Charlie R. Byrd, Ronda.

Committees—P. A. Caudle, David Day, O. P. Holbrook.

Committee on Religious Exercises reports Rev. W. F. Weatherman will preach tonight. Text Mark 6:24.

On motion adjourned until 9:30 tomorrow.

Song, No. 204, "Blest Be the Tie that Binds." Prayer by J. W. Gentry.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Song, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus." Moderator read Mark 2:1 to 7. Prayer by Millard Royal.

Moderator called association to order. Clerk read the preceding minute and it was adopted.

REPORT ON OLD MINISTERS' RELIEF

Since the Board of the Southern Baptist Convention is the only agency which provides funds for the support of our aged ministers, we as members of Baptist churches should give our loyal and prayerful support to aid it. The care of our disabled ministers and the widows and orphans of deceased ministers deserve our earnest and prayerful attention. For this cause too little money has been contributed by our churches. Surely our old ministers who have worn out their lives preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ, are deserving of better treatment than they

are receiving in their old age.

While the amount set apart by the Baptist Board is a great help to these old ministers, it is not sufficient to fill their needs. Therefore, we recommend that the churches give of their means to help support these loyal but disabled soldiers of the Cross.

Respectfully submitted,
LESTER JOHNSON,
J. B. EDWARDS, Committee.

Remarks by D. W. Day, H. D. Woodruff, Millard Royal. Report adopted.

Visitors invited. Bro. R. C. Wood, of Surry Association, accepted seat with us.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE

Our Baptist Orphanage is located at Thomasville, N. C., and is known as the Mills Home. The policy is that no child be received without careful investigation. Children are received between two and twelve years of age, and dismissed according to preparation rather than age. The present superintendent is I. G. Greer. We recommend that our people give liberally to the support of this institution as it is kept up by our support. The Bible says that pure and undefiled religion is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction and keep ourselves unspotted from the world. Visit the orphans by helping support them.

S. P. COMBS, Committee.

Remarks by M. H. Royal, Lester Johnson, D. W. Day, H. D. Woodruff and M. L. Pettyjohn. Report adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

We, the committee on Temperance, report the following:

The members of our churches are too often seen violating temperance laws by the use of strong drink, the mis-use of the Sabbath and pleasure-seeking. Our churches are too slack in keeping clear of such violators; in fact, they look on it as though it is just fine. We recommend that the ministers and all true church workers stress the importance of temperance.

CARL DeBOARD,
JOHN Q. BURCHAM, Committee.

Remarks by W. F. Weatherman, R. C. Wood, D. W. Day and M. L. Pettyjohn. Report adopted.

REPORT ON PASTOR AND CHURCH RELATIONS

The relations which exist between the church and its pastor is so close it is hard to define. It is almost the same as father

and son. As the father rejoices in the welfare of his children, even so the pastor rejoices in the welfare of his flock. The progress and growth of the flock depends to a great extent on the spiritual food and watchful care they receive from their pastor.

J. B. EDWARDS,
REV. LESTER JOHNSON, Committee.

Remarks by Rev. Lester Johnson, Report adopted.

REPORT ON STATE OF THE CHURCHES

The church is the greatest organization on earth. It is also the leading influence. Therefore, we believe our churches should hold up the high standard of living among their members. We also believe that each church should deal with its members who fail to live up to the high standard. Our churches should be spirit-filled and work for the soul salvation of the lost world the whole year through.

J. F. BREWER,
REV. LESTER JOHNSON, Committee.

Report adopted.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS

Your committee on Periodicals begs to report as follows:

1st. That we read the Book of all Books—the Bible, study its pages under the leadership of the Holy Spirit. The Apostle Paul tells us to "study to show thyself approved of God, a workman that needeth not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

Our Lord, speaking through St. John the Divine, pronounces a blessing upon "he that readeth"—"and keep the things which are written therein."

2nd. That we encourage our people to read good religious papers, among them we mention the Biblical Recorder, the official publication of the Baptist church in this state, and Charity and Children, printed and sent out by the Mills Home. By this means we may be able to keep posted on what our Lord is doing for the brethren abroad.

MILLARD H. ROYAL, Committee.

Remarks by M. H. Royal. Report adopted.

REPORT ON TIME, PLACE AND PREACHER

We, your committee, wish to report the next session of the Elkin Baptist Association to be held with Pleasant Home Baptist church, located one and one-half miles east of Shepherd's

Cross Roads, beginning on Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1935.

We recommend Rev. Ely Jordan to preach the introductory sermon. Alternate, Rev. C. C. Cockerham.

W. M. SPARKS,
JOHN Q. BURCHAM,
REV. LESTER JOHNSON, Committee.

REPORT ON RESOLUTIONS

The Elkin Baptist Association in conference wishes to express its thanks to the Center church and community for their kindness and hospitality and co-operation and support of this association. May God's blessings rest with you.

S. P. COMBS, Committee.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Why do our great religious leaders advocate Sunday Schools? Because the Bible teaches to study to "shew thyself approved unto God a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." We feel that there is no better place to take our children on Sunday morning than the Sunday school, in order that there might be planted in their minds the truths that are in God's word. We recommend that the standard of excellence be adopted in our Sunday schools as a goal.

DAVID W. DAY,
JOHN Q. BURCHAM, Committee.

Remarks by D. W. Day. Report adopted.

FINANCE REPORT

Amount received $42.49

H. D. WOODRUFF,
D. W. DAY, Committee.

Committee on Religious Exercicses reports: No services tonight, that Rev. W. F. Weatherman will preach tomorrow at 11:00 A. M.

D. W. Day and John Q. Burcham substituted to write Sunday School report in absence of Annie Lee Gilliam.

Song, "Walking in Sunlight." Closing prayer by Rev. Lester Johnson.

SUNDAY MORNING, 9:30

Song, "Sweet By and By." Devotional exercises by Bro. Paul Caudill, reading Proverbs 9th chapter.

Sunday School report ably discussed by Rev. W. F. Weatherman, Rev. E. F. Hinson and M. L. Pettyjohn. Song, "How

Beautiful Heaven Must Be." Sermon by Rev. E. F. Hinson, text, Acts 1:8.

Then adjourned until time and place of the next session of the Elkin Association.

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS

Jas. Bryant	Roaring River, N. C.
M. F. Barker	Roaring River, N. C.
C. C. Cockerham	Roaring River, N. C.
Richard Day	Benham, N. C.
E. F. Hinson	State Road, N. C.
Lester Johnson	Hays, N. C.
J. H. Luffman	Ronda, N. C.
Ely Jordan	Elkin, N. C.
Levi McCann	Roaring River, N. C.
Tom Shew	North Wilkesboro, N. C.

OUR DEPARTED ONES

Cool Springs—Mrs. Maggie Walls, Miss Mary Johnson, Mrs. Sallie Walls, Miss Rachel Johnson, Mr. Chas. Pruitt, Mr. Marshal Lyon, Mrs. Sallie Curley.

Elkin Valley—T. C. DeBorde.

Little Elkin—Mrs. Sant Wagoner.

—Macedonia—Deacon C. M. Durham.

Pleasant Hill—Deacon Noah Luffman, Mrs. Eva Day, Pastor J. W. Bryant.

Pleasant Home—Mr. W. M. Johnson, Mrs. Jane Alice Burcham.

Rock Creek—Mrs. Rhoda Richardson, Mrs. Sallie Anne Higgins.

Shoaly Branch—Mrs. Charity McCann.

OBITUARIES

Jane Alice Burcham, whose maiden name was Lyon, was born January 10, 1864. She was married to W. G. Burcham November 17, 1887. To this union was born nine children, six living and three dead. She professed a hope in Christ and joined the church at Cool Springs at the age of 15. After marriage, she moved her membership to Pleasant Home, where she lived a consistent member until death which was February 1, 1934. Her stay on earth was 70 years and 21 days. She was a sweet wife and a loving mother, a Christian indeed and in truth. She is gone to live with Christ. Farewell, my husband and children, too. This day all trouble with me is ended and my soul with Christ will be.

A precious one is from us gone,
A voice we loved is stilled,
A place is vacant in our home
Which never can be filled.

God in His wisdom has recalled the boon His love has given, and though the body slumbers here, the soul is safe in Heaven.

W. G. BURCHAM.

Thomas C. DeBorde was born November 13, 1858, departed this life Febuary 13, 1934, making his stay on earth 75 years and three months. He was married to Clarissa J. Blackburn, and to this union was born eight children, seven living and one dead. He professed a hope in Christ at about the age of 20 years, and joined the Baptist church at Roaring River, two miles west of Traphill. About 1890 he moved his membership to Traphill where (in the opinion of the writer) he took part in organizing the present Baptist church there. About the year 1901 he moved his membership to Roaring Gap church, later taking part in erecting a new church building there. About 1910 he moved his membership to Elkin Valley church, where he remained a consistent member until God saw fit to say to his servant, "Come up hither." He was a veteran school teacher, having spent 35 terms in the schoolrooms of Wilkes, Surry and adjoining counties. Since his conversion he spent his entire religious life as a church worker. He was for a few years elected clerk of the Elkin Association, afterwards being elected moderator, filling this place with honor and distinction for a number of years. It seemed to be his greatest delight in singing and teaching a Sunday School class. On approaching a church, many have been heard to remark, "I hear Uncle Tommy DeBorde singing," his voice being strong enough to be heard above the others, yet with that sweet melody which character-

izes a good singer. The writer has often heard Bro. DeBorde remark, "I make Sunday School going a part of my business." This was true because he prvoed it in life, for everywhere he went he took an active part in Sunday School work, and at his death he was a deacon of the church, superintendent of Elkin Valley Sunday School and teacher of the Baraca class, which was later named The T. C. DeBorde Baraca class in his memory. He always seemed to carry a burden for the lost. Many times have we heard him in prayer with faltering voice pouring out his soul to the Lord in their behalf. Bro. DeBorde has passed on, but his memory will continue to live in the minds of those with whom he had come in contact.

Asleep in Jesus blessed sleep!
From which none ever wake to weep;
A calm and undisturbed repose,
Unbroken by the last of foes.

MILLARD H. ROYAL,
WM. GENTRY, Committee.

Inasmuch as it hath pleased Almighty God to move from this earth His servant, Mrs. Sally Ann Higgins, at a ripe old age He removed one of Rock Creek Baptist church's most faithful members. She had been a member of Rock Creek church for a number of years and always attended services at the church as long as she was physically able. We believe when the door of Sister Higgins' life was shut on this earth, the door was opened to a better life in the paradise of God.

REV. LESTER JOHNSON, Committee.

Mrs. Rhoda Prevette Richardson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Prevette, was born Sept. 17, 1870, and died Sept. 7, 1934, being 63 years, 11 months and 20 days old. She was united in marriage to A. C. Richardson Sept. 16, 1888. To this union was born 10 children, eight sons and two daughters, all of whom survive except one son who preceded her in death. She first joined the Baptist church at New Covenant in the year 1886. Later she moved her membership to Rock Creek Baptist church where she remained a faithful and consistent member until death. In the passing of Sister Richardson the home lost a good keeper, the husband a faithful companion, the children a kind and loving mother. The church lost a faithful member, the community a good neighbor and everyone a real friend.

REV. LESTER JOHNSON, Committee.

TABLE I—Church Membership, Etc., of Elkin Baptist Association, Year Ending, Sept. 30, 1934

CHURCHES	Village, Town, City or Country	When Constituted	PASTORS AND POSTOFFICES	Days of Meeting	Members Reported Last Year	GAINS				LOSSES				Total Present Members	Weekly Prayer Meet.	Revivals During Yr.	Ob. Lord's Supper	Rec. State Bap. Paper
						Baptisms	Letters	Statements	Restorations	Letters	Deaths	Exclusions	Erasures					
Center	Co.	1839	W. F. Weatherman, Jonesville	4	46	4	4			3				51	no	1	1	
Cool Springs	Co.	1805	I. H. Vestal, Jonesville	2	234	2	2			2	6	1		229	no	1	1	
Elkin Valley	Co.	1881	R. E. Adams, King	1	234	37	33			4	1			299	yes	1	1	1
Little Elkin	Co.	1905	Ed O. Miller, Wilbar	4	164	1	1			2	1	1	1	161	no	2	1	
Macedonia	Co.	1889	I. W. Vestal, Jonesville	*	163	7	2			2	1			169		1	1	
Mount Pleasant	Co.	1887	J. L. Powers, Elkin	1	78	24	5			3		1		103	yes	1	3	
Pleasant Hill	V.	1897	J. L. Powers, Elkin	4	345	5	8			15	3	1		339	no	1	1	2
Pleasant Home	Co.	1878	Grant Cothren, Doughton	4	172	7				7	2			170	no	1	1	
Poplar Springs	Co.	1885	E. G. Jordan, Elkin	3	95	3			1	6		3		90	no	1	1	
Rock Creek	Co.	1849	L. B. Murray, State Road	2	310	18	4	6	2	7	2		10	321	no	2	1	
Shoaly Branch	Co.	1884	A. B. Hayes, Hays	3	150	5				2	1			152	no	1	1	
White Plains	Co.		Richard Day, Benham	3	146	11	2			7				152	no	1	1	

*1st and 3rd

TABLE II—Sunday Schools of Elkin Baptist Association, for Year Ending Sept. 30, 1934

CHURCHES	SUPERINTENDENTS AND POSTOFFICES	Beginners, 3 to 5	Primary, 6 to 8	Juniors, 9 to 12	Intermediates, 13-16	Young People, 17-24	Adults, 25 years up	Cradle Roll, under 3	Officers and Teachers	Total Enrolled	Average Attendance	Is School Graded?	Is it Standard A-1?	Teachers, Norm. Dip.	Baptisms from S. S.	Mission S. S.?	Did you hold Daily Vaca. Bible School?
Center	J. F. Brewer, Thurmond	(14)		(16)		(22)		....	5	57	40	yes	no	....	3	no	...
Cool Springs	Paul Newman, Elkin	....	35	24	35	30	25	....	9	158	96	yes	no	....	2	no	...
Elkin Valley	Geo. Walters, Elkin	64	35	85	34	50	106	....	10	374	225	yes	no	....	31	no	...
Little Elkin	U. G. Lowe, Ronda Route 1	29	....	25	....	37	22	....	6	119	67	yes	no	....	1	no	...
Macedonia	T. L. Byrd, Ronda	20	....	27	....	....	23	....	5	75	36	yes	no	....	7	no	...
Mount Pleasant	W. O. Key, Elkin	8	25		45	49	69	1	20	205	92	yes	yes	6	22	no	...
Pleasant Hill	David W. Day, Elkin	21	43	51	51	77	100	49	26	418	151	yes	no	1	....	no	...
Pleasant Home	Odell Cockerham, Ro. River	....	15	12	15	20	20	....	6	88	56	yes	no	....	5	....	...
Poplar Springs	J. W. Gentry, State Road	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	7	146	66	....	....	....	....	....	
Rock Creek	W. B. Luffman, N. Wilkesboro	10	12	10	13	25	20	....	6	96	60	yes	no	....	3	no	...
Shoaly Branch	Alton B. Carter, Benham	10	....	18	17	19	19	....	8	91	50	yes	no	....	2	no	...
White Plains	Noah Blackburn, Ro. River	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	6	224	90	yes	no	....	11	no	...

TABLE III—Church Property of Elkin Baptist Association, for Year Ending Sept. 30, 1934

CHURCHES	CHURCH CLERKS AND POSTOFFICES	Does Church Own its House of Worship?	When Was It Built?	Material Used	Persons Seated	Number of Rooms	No. Dept. As. Rooms	Separate Class Rooms	Value of Church House and Grounds	Total Value of All Church Property	Indebtedness on All Church Property	Insurance Carried
Center	P. A. Caudill, Benham	yes	.....	wood	300	1	....	....	1000	1000	none	none
Cool Springs	M. L. Pettyjohn, Elkin	yes	1805	wood	500	1	....	....	2500	2500	none	none
Elkin Valley	H. D. Woodruff, Elkin	yes	1914	wood	500	7	7	7	3000	3000	none	1000
Little Elkin	T. J. Walls, Ronda	yes	.....	wood	350	1	....	....	1500	1500	none	none
Macedonia	C. R. Byrd, Ronda	yes	1898	wood	400	1	....	....	2000	2000	none	none
Mount Pleasant	S. P. Combs, State Road	yes	1905	wood	500	1	....	....	2000	2000	none	none
Pleasant Hill	E. F. Yarboro, Elkin	yes	1903	wood	500	5	5	....	4000	4000	175	none
Pleasant Home	J. W. Cheek, Roaring River	yes	.....	wood	500	1	....	....	1000	1000	none	none
Poplar Springs	J. W. Gentry, State Road	yes	.....	wood	300	1	....	....	1000	1000	none	none
Rock Creek	J. A. Sebastian, North Wilkesboro	yes	.....	wood	300	1	....	....	1000	1000	none	none
Shoaly Branch	L. C. Carter, Benham	yes	1894	wood	300	1	....	....	1500	1500	none	none
White Plains	G. T. Brown, Roaring River	yes	.....	wood	300	1	....	....	1000	1000	none	none

TABLE IV—Gifts for Local Church Work of Elkin Baptist Association for Year Ending Sept. 30, 1934

CHURCHES	REGULAR TREASURERS AND POSTOFFICES	Pastor's Salary	Ministerial Help and Supply	Building Repairs	Incidentals	Literature for S. S., B. Y. P. U. & W. M. S.	Help Given to Local Poor	Printing Minutes and Clerk of Association	Other Objects	Given by the S. S.	Total for Local Purposes given by the Church and all its Organizations
Center	P. A. Caudill, Benham	40.00	6.00		4.45	4.[illegible]		3.24			57.19
Cool Springs	M. L. Pettyjohn, Elkin	84.00	32.00					3.70			119.70
Elkin Valley	R. C. Woodruff, Elkin	436.22		55.00	87.00	98.12	46.00	8.00			330.24
Little Elkin	J. T. Walls, Ronda	84.00						3.00			87.00
Macedonia	C. R. Byrd, Ronda	100.00	12.50		15.00	6.00		1.75			135.25
Mount Pleasant	T. A. Gentry, State Road	173.85	47.00	335.00	72.25	42.93		3.00		281.29	883.51
Pleasant Hill	E. F. Yarboro, Elkin	117.23	29.78	49.09	35.29	67.81	23.12	6.00	18.18	194.33	396.50
Pleasant Home	W. G. Burcham, Roaring River	46.85	8.10		22.00	8.90		3.20			87.05
Poplar Springs	D. E. Cockerham, State Road	70.00			6.00	12.31	9.25	2.30	9.20		109.06
Rock Creek	J. A. Sebastian, N. Wilkesboro	111.92		35.82	11.51	7.50		3.50		7.50	170.25
Stoaly Branch	J. C. Spencer, Benham	75.00	23.00		6.00			2.00			106.00
White Plains	G. T. Brown, Roaring River	39.44						2.80			42.24

TABLE VI (Condensed)—The Three Auxiliaries— B. Y. P. U.'s, Men's Brotherhoods and W. M. S.'s

Elkin Valley—Young People's Work: Adult Unions 1; Senior Unions 1; Intermediate Unions 1; Junior Unions 1; total Unions 4. Adults enrolled 78; Seniors enrolled 40; Intermediates enrolled 58; Juniors enrolled 26; total enrolled 124. Total number Daily Bible readers 39; number taking B. Y. P. U. Study Course 32. Total Systematic Givers in all Unions 46. Elkin Valley—W. M. U. Work: Total W. M. U. organizations 1. Total members 24.

TABLE V—Gifts for Missions, Education, Benevolences Elkin Baptist Association Year Ending Sept. 30, 1934

CHURCHES	REGULAR TREASURERS AND POSTOFFICES	Total to Co-operative Program	Special to State Missions	Special to Foreign Missions	Special to Orphanage	Special Hospitals	Special to Old Ministers' Relief	Other Special Gifts	Given by W. M. U. Organizations	Given by the S. S.	Total for Missions and Benevolences	Grand Total Given for All Purposes Last Yr.
Center	P. A. Caudill, Benham											57.19
Cool Springs	M. L. Pettyjohn, Elkin	12.50			6.25		6.25				12.50	132.20
Elkin Valley	R. C. Woodruff, Elkin	137.59	4.86	7.80	96.96	22.35	1.09	4.52	15.49	122.09	137.59	867.93
Little Elkin	J. T. Walls, Ronda											87.00
Macedonia	C. R. Byrd, Ronda	1.42				1.42					1.42	136.67
Mount Pleasant	T. A. Gentry, State Road	43.37			33.87	9.50					43.37	926.88
Pleasant Hill	E. F. Yarboro, Elkin	43.45			33.20	10.25					43.45	439.95
Pleasant Home	W. G. Burcham, Roaring River	5.75				4.75		1.00			5.75	94.80
Poplar Springs	D. E. Cockerham, State Road	6.56			6.56						6.56	115.62
Rock Creek	J. A. Sebastian, N. Wilkesboro	3.47				3.47					3.47	173.72
Shoaly Branch	J. C. Spencer, Benham	4.60			4.60						4.60	110.60
White Plains	G. T. Brown, Roaring River											42.24
		258.71	4.86	7.80	181.44	51.74	7.34	5.52			258.71	

MINUTES

OF THE

FIFTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

ELKIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

CONVENED WITH

Pleasant Home Baptist Church

Oct. 3, 4, 5, 1935

M. L. PETTYJOHN, Moderator .....Elkin, N. C.
J. W. CHEEK, Clerk ..... Roaring River, N. C.

The next session will be held with Mount Pleasant Baptist Church, located 6 miles West of Elkin, beginning on Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1936.

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
FIFTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
ELKIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
MEETING WITH
PLEASANT HOME BAPTIST CHURCH
OCTOBER 3, 4 and 5, 1935.

Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. I. W. Vestal, reading 24th Psalm and offering prayer.

Moderator called association to order.

Extended an invitation to visitors and the following responded: Revs. Grant Cothren and John Burcham, of Stone Mountain Association; Revs. I. W. Vestal and Pervis C. Parks, of Brier Creek Association, and Rev. J. L. Powers, of Surry Association, and Rev. W. R. Beach, representing Biblical Recorder who ably discussed Periodicals.

Church letters called for, and the following handed in, read and delegates seated:

Center—Mrs. Paul Newman, L. W. Casey.
Cool Springs—O. P. Holbrook, S. H. Couch, R. L. Walls.
Elkin Vally—Carl DeBorde, Mrs. Etta Darnell, Edith Hays.
Little Elkin—
Macedonia—Clyde Burchette.
Mount Pleasant—S. P. Combs, W. F. Carter.
Pleasant Hill—E. F. Yarboro, Arvel Alexander.
Pleasant Home—John Q. Burcham, J. M. Byrd.
Poplar Springs—D. E. Hinson, S. B. Mooney.
Rock Creek—Rev. Lester Johnson.
Shoaly Branch—A. T. Gentry, J. A. Darnell.
White Plains—W. M. Sparks, J. A. Tharpe.

On motion we take up work as it appears in minute and have introductory sermon at this time. Sermon by Rev. Ely Jordan. Text, read Acts 4th and 5th chapters.

On motion of H. D. Woodruff we elect Moderator and Clerk by acclamation and elect M. L. Pettyjohn Moderator, and J. W. Cheek, Clerk.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED

Missions—Millard H. Royal.
Periodicals—S. P. Combs, D. E. Hinson.
Baptist Hospital—Rev. Lester Johnson.
Orphanage—A. T. Gentry, J. A. Darnell.
Old Ministers' Relief—E. F. Yarboro, Arvel Alexander.
Christian Education—J. A. Tharpe, W. M. Sparks.

Temperance—J. Q. Burcham, Mrs. J. L. Darnell.

Pastor and Church Relations—Grant Cothren, Ely Jordan.

Resolutions—S. B. Mooney, Mrs. Paul Newman.

State of the Churches—Revs. J. L. Powers, M. F. Barker.

Sunday School—C. R. Byrd, Mrs. Marvin Cockerham.

Committee on Committees—E. F. Yarboro, O. P. Holbrook, S. P. Combs.

Committee on Religious Exercises: R. L. Walls and delegates of Pleasant Home Church.

Time, Place and Preacher: Walter Carter, Carl DeBorde.

Finance Committee: Clyde Burchette, S. H. Coutch.

Moderator appointed committees of the different churches on Obituaries.

On motion adjourned until 1:30.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Association reassembled.

Song, "I Can Hear My Savior Calling."

Prayer by Rev. Grant Cothren.

Moderator called Association to order. Extended an invitation to visitors.

REPORT ON BAPTIST HOSPITAL

A great part of the work of our Savior while on earth was to heal the sick. If we would take part in this great work and live that Christ-like life as we are commanded in the Holy Bible we should use our means and influence to help carry it out. A good way to do this is to help support the Baptist Hospital at Winston-Salem.

This hospital was authorized by the Baptist State Convention Nov. 17, 1920. It was chartered Dec. 27, 1922. It began operations May 28, 1923. This hospital now has a staff of 45 trained and in-training nurses. Three resident doctors and 60 medical and surgical doctors who belong to their staff.

Since its opening in 1923 this hospital has had over 26,000 patients, about one-half of these have been part pay and free patients. Not being a profit sharing institution every available dollar goes to make it a better place for the sick. Therefore we urge every church to take an offering every Mother's Day for this institution.

REV. LESTER JOHNSON,
REV. PERVIS C. PARKS.

Remarks, Revs. Lester Johnson, J. L. Powers, I. W. Vestal, P. C. Parks. Report adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

We, your Nominating Committee, beg to report as follows:

Missions—M. F. Barker, Roaring River.

Periodicals—S. P. Combs, State Road.

Baptist Hospital—J. L. Powers, Elkin.

Orphanage—Lester Johnson, Hays.
Ministers' Relief—D. W. Day, Elkin.
Christian Education—W. H. Combs, State Road.
Temperance—I. W. Vestal, Jonesville.
Pastor and Church Relations—Ely Jordan, Elkin.
Resolutions—J. W. Gentry, State Road.
State of Churches—Eugene Pettyjohn, Elkin.
Sunday Schools—Mrs. Paul Newman and Mrs. R. C. Harris, Elkin.

E. F. YARBORO,
O. P. HOLBROOK,
S. P. COMBS, Committee.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE

The Baptist Orphanage is the greatest institution that the Baptist supports and we, your committee, recommend that each church give liberally. Practice to take a special offering each month on preaching day for the Lord loves the cheerful giver.

J. A. DARNELL,
A. T. GENTRY, Committee.

Remarks, Revs. Levi McCann, I. W. Vestal, Ely Jordan, J. L. Powers, Grant Cothren. Report adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

There has never been a time since the days of Noah when the subject of temperance should have been stressed as it should be now by God's people everywhere.

Jeremiah 35:5-14 gives us a lesson of temperance people.

Isaiah 28:1-10 gives us a lesson of intemperance people.

Temperance defined is moderate indulgence in speech, eating, drinking, joy and mirth.

Paul appeals for temperance. (Be sober and temperate and you will be healthy) says Franklin.

If we are in our place and please God we must put on the profound humility and the exact temperance of our Lord Jesus Christ and to keep them on in the days of great prosperity, peace and contentment, it is as necessary then as in the time of sorrow, distress, poverty, war, heat, cold and midnight storms of persecutions and adversity.

There are so many ways of being intemperate today that we advise churches to watch their members and keep them well informed against intemperance and if they do not heed the teachings of God's word apply the Bible rules to them in a spiritual way.

JOHN Q. BURCHAM,
MRS. J. L. DARNELL,
Committee.

Remarks by Revs. Ely Jordan, Grant Cothren, P. C. Parks, Mrs. J. L. Darnell and M. L. Pettyjohn. Report adopted.

Committee on Religious Exercises reports Rev. Lester Johnson will preach tonight at 7:30.

7:30 P. M. Singing by choir. Sermon by Rev. Lester Johnson. Text, Acts 12:5. "But I will forewarn you whom ye shall fear. Fear Him, which after He hath killed hath power to cast into Hell; Yea, I say unto you, Fear Him."

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Song, "Sweet Bye and Bye."

Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. John Burcham, reading John 10:1-18 and leading in prayer.

Moderator called Association to order. Extended an invitation to visitors when Rev. M. O. Alexander, of Raleigh, representing Missions, and Rev. J. Z. Adams, of Stone Mountain, and Bro. H. A. Hanks, of Brier Creek Association, responded.

REPORT ON OLD MINISTERS' RELIEF

Our old pioneer preachers, having given their lives, times and talent to the preaching and spread of the Gospel, in the days of adversity and danger, we feel it our Christian duty to see that they are cared for in a Christian manner in their old age. Therefore, we recommend that the churches give of their means to help support these loyal, but disabled soldiers of the Cross.

E. F. YARBORO,
ARVIL ALEXANDER, Committee.

Remarks by Arvel Alexander. Report adopted.

Committee on Religious Exercises reports Rev. M. O. Alexander will preach at 11 A. M.

STATE OF THE CHURCHES

The church is the greatest organization on earth. It should be considered the same by each individual member as each has a work to do, as our churches should hold up the high standard of Christian living. We believe that our church members should be full of the Holy Spirit and be ready at all times to give a reason for their hope. Any member failing to live up to the New Testament standard should be dealt with in a spiritual manner.

J. L. POWERS,
M. F. BARKER, Committee.

Remarks by Rev. M. F. Barker. Report adopted.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS

Your committee on Periodicals begs to report as follows: First, That you "search the Scriptures for they are they that testify of me." (Christ's own words).

We prefer our own Baptist literature for Sunday school use.

Any good religious papers that we may have the opportunity of having. We especially recommend and urge all Baptist to have The Biblical Recorder and Charity and Children to come to their homes. They are worth so much for the young folks.

S. P. COMBS,
D. E. HINSON, Committee.

Discussed by Rev. W. R. Beach. Report adopted.

REPORT ON MISSIONS

The spirit and motive of Missions. Foreign, Home and State, are identical. It is difficult to understand why one should profess to believe in one and not in the other. The objectives, of each, are slightly different.

State Missions embraces the following activities:

Pastoral assistance, about 130 churches being aided at this time.

Student work. Churches in educational centers are aided in order that they may properly minister to students from other sections.

Maintaining a Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. department.

Church building. Many churches aided in paying building debts.

Aid to Oteen Hospital.

Gospel to the Indians in the State.

Work among the Negroes.

The Home Mission Board has in all departments and fields of its work 228 missionaries with 18 additional workers in the Sanitorium, schools and good will centers. It maintains 598 stations and preaching places; operating in whole or in part 5 Good-Will Centers, 2 Rescue Missions and a Seaman's Institute; has 29 schools operated by missionaries in Panama, Cuba and the homeland, and is operating the Southern Baptist Sanitorium in El Paso, Texas, which has since October, 1930, paid its operating expenses; the Board also has a building and loan department with $1,176,000 loaned to churches. The Board last year put 36 new missionaries in the field and opened 76 new missions.

Ninety years ago the Foreign Mission Board was organized and on August 4, 1845, appointed Samuel Clopton and wife as the first missionaries of the Board to South China. Clopton lived but one year after reaching Canton, but today, we have in South China what some consider to be the greatest Baptist Mission in the world.

Today the Foreign Mission Board has 388 missionaries and from these comes the report that there has been a net gain of 21,733 in church membership.

Brethren, these reports and figures challenge our prayers and purses. Shall we meet the challenge?

Respectfully submitted,
MILLARD H. ROYAL, Committee.

11 A. M. Sermon and missions discussed by Rev. M. O. Alexander of Raleigh, which was enjoyed by all present, until their cups run over.

On motion adjourned until 1:30.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Song, "What a Friend We Have In Jesus."

Moderator called Association to order.

PASTOR AND CHURCH RELATIONS

The relation between pastor and his church is almost identical with the Shepherd and his flock. The progress, the health, and increase of the flock depends largely upon the watchcare and food which He gives them and the Shepherd thrives and rejoices in the increase, health and strength of his flock. Just so, the church grows strong through the preaching of the soul-food doctrines found throughout the Bible and the pastor thrives spiritually as he sees his church grow from grace to grace, and inasmuch as the pastor imparts to the church spiritual things, think it not a little thing, if you impart to Him your temporal things, muzzle not the mouth of the ox that treadeth out the corn.

REV. E. G. JORDAN,
REV. GRANT COTHREN.

Remarks by Rev. M. O. Alexander, Rev. John Burcham, M. L. Pettyjohn. Report adopted.

Committee on Religious Exercises reports Rev. J. Z. Adams will preach tonight at 8 P. M.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

As a rule children look to their parents for leadership. The older parents, according to nature, are passing on to the great beyond and with them to a certain extent is going the desire of Christian Education. Therefore, we urge the Christian part of the population of our country to do their best to get Christian teachers in our public schools. With the literature that is in circulation for our young people to read there arises a great need for the study of the Bible. Therefore, if we would have our children study this Holy book let's send them to school with Christian-hearted teachers.

J. A. THARPE,
M. M. SPARKS, Committee.

Remarks by Coy Durham, M. L. Pettyjohn. Adopted.

TIME, PLACE AND PREACHER

We, your committee, wish to report that the next session of the Elkin Baptist Association be held with **Mount Pleasant Baptist** Church, located 6 miles west of Elkin at State Road, beginning on Friday morning at 10 o'clock, before the first Sunday

in October, 1936. We recommend that Rev. R. E. Adams preach the introductory sermon and alternate, Rev. Isem Vestal.

W. F. CARTER,
CARL DeBORDE, Committee.

Adopted.

REPORT ON RESOLUTIONS

The Elkin Baptist Association desires to thank Pleasant Home Baptist Church for their warm reception and kind hospitality extended toward this Association. May you abound in Christian prosperity.

MRS. PAUL NEWMAN,
S. B. MOONEY, Committee.

Adopted.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

The world's greatest teacher, Jesus Christ, placed teaching the gospel next to preaching the gospel. He said "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature, Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." It is in obedience to His command that the churches maintain the Bible teaching agency, the Sunday School.

When first organized the Sunday school was for neglected children only. Teachers were paid. The chief purpose was to give the children the first rudiments of an education. In due time Bible teaching was given major emphasis and teachers became volunteers. The Sunday school movement has been a history-making movement. Out of it has come many of the rich and purifying things that have gone into the fabric of human society. It has been since its organization and is now a powerful and practical barrier to error, doubt, unbelief and unsound religious conviction. It has counteracted a flood of evil influences which have threatened to ingulf hopelessly all vestiges of Christianity as a vitalizing force in the world.

We believe the Sunday school is "by divine providence in our hands an institution with a wonderful history, magnificent achievements and untold potentialities." The army of thirty-three millions of members and three and a half million teachers and officers is the greatest army of religious workers in the world. Yet in America only one person in four is in Sunday school. Our observation and experiences lead us to conclude that one person in four is the average for our Association.

There are now 12 churches with 2,213 members in this Association. In these churches there are 12 Sunday schools with an enrollment of 1,717 pupils and 118 teachers and officers. Sunday school enrollment should be larger than church membership. All church members should be members of the Bible school, plus all who are not members of the church. There is a place in one of the departments of the school for every person. Any who are too young to attend Bible school should be enrolled in the Cradle

Roll Department. All who cannot or will not attend should be enrolled in the Extension Department. Responsibility for enrolling pupils rests upon the teachers and officers of the school more than any one else.

The work of the Sunday school is Christian education. As a school it is an educational agency in its own right seeking to make education Christian. Its right and power is in disseminating truth. Jesus said "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free."

Christian education seeks desirable changes in human character and conduct. It seeks to impart truth to the multitudes, to transmit knowledge about religion, to stimulate, guide and enrich Christian experience based on the Bible. Christian education is not a substitute for evangelism but a means of preparing the way for evangelism, making evangelism more effective and following up evangelism that it may be more fruitful. It has as its objective the leading of the lost to Jesus Christ, to help Christians to acquire valuable knowledge, develop right attitudes, make right choices, live the abundant life, develop Christian character and to secure an effective church membership committed to the whole program of Christ for the whole world.

In presenting this report we urge renewed acceptance by the churches of the Sunday school as an instrument in the hands of Christian people to magnify preaching, to promote preaching attendance, enlist and train more people in teaching the Bible, keep Bible teaching under church control, magnify and emphasize the use of the Bible, secure universal study of the Bible, teach Baptist doctrines, win the lost for Christ, teach Missions, train and enlist in Missionary practice.

It is further urged that all of the churches in this Association set for their schools worthy goals for the ensuing year: a minimum of ten per cent increase in enrollment, two to four training classes using books in the New Training Course for Sunday school workers, preferably those in the diploma group, a larger active personnel, additional and improved equipment, the Standard of Excellence as a program of work for the school, the Six Point Record System as a program of work for the pupil, the school graded and a positive evangelistic emphasis placed on all that is done in class room, department assembly and pulpit.

To aid the churches with their Bible teaching work the Baptist State Convention maintains a Department of Sunday School Work with Perry Morgan, Secretary, and L. L. Morgan, Field Worker, Raleigh. Their services ae available without cost to the chuches for training classes, conferences, Sunday School Revivals, Enlargement Campaigns, Associational Conventions, and all other types of meetings. The Department will furnish tracts, postage paid, on any and all phases of the work to any church requesting the same of Secretary Perry Morgan, Raleigh.

Finally, your Committee recommends larger use of the Associational Sunday School Organization to: supplement the time allotted in the Annual Meeting for more adequate discussion of plans and methods for Sunday school work, to aid in reaching churches unenlisted in the Baptist program, to serve as a barrier to inroads and assaults made upon the churches by outside cults and sects seeking to lead our people away from the paths blazed by our forefathers, to help weak churches in their struggles against unsound and unwholesome influences that tend to undermine their faith, to preserve and propagate distinctive Baptist principles, methods and doctrines, to protect our schools from heretical, unbiblical and anti-Baptist teachings and to unify our churches in all their work. "Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no division among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind, and in the same judgment"—the Apostle Paul in 1 Cor. 1:10.

CHARLIE R. BYRD,
MRS. M. A. COCKERHAM,
Committee.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Amount received from churches	$38.95
Special collection	1.38
Total	$40.33

CLYDE A. BURCHETTE,
S. H. COUTCH, Committee.

8 P. M. Singing by choir. Sermon by Rev. J. Z. Adams. Text, Romans 6:11. Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

SUNDAY MORNING, 10:00

Singing by choir. Devotional by Bro. James McCann, reading Titus 2.

Sunday school report re-read and ably discussed by Charlie R. Byrd and Rev. John Burcham.

Committee on Religious Exercises reports Rev. J. Z. Adams will preach at 11:30.

11:30 A. M. Sermon by Rev. J. Z. Adams. Text, Ecclesiasties 12:1.

The prayer by Rev. M. F. Barker closed a successful session of the Elkin Association.

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS

James Bryant ..... Roaring River, N. C.
M. F. Barker ..... Route 1, Roaring River, N. C.
C. C. Cockerham ..... Route 1, Roaring River, N. C.
Richard Day ..... Benham, N. C.
E. F. Hinson ..... State Road, N. C.
Lester Johnson ..... Hays, N. C.
J. H. Luffman ..... Ronda, N. C.
Ely Jordan ..... Elkin, N. C.
Levi McCann ..... Route 1, Roaring River, N. C.
Tom Shew ..... North Wilkesboro, N. C.

OUR DEPARTED ONES

Cool Springs—Mrs. J. A. Newman, Mrs. Ellen Burcham, Mrs. Ada Burcham.

Elkin Valley—Deacon Sam A. Johnson, Mr. Charles Collins, Mrs. Augusta Baker.

Little Elkin—Mrs. Mary Money.

Macedonia—Mr. J. T. Edwards, Mr. W. J. Bradley.

Mount Pleasant—Mr. Rufus Luffman.

Pleasant Hill—Mr. James Roberts.

Pleasant Home—Mrs. Mary L. Lyons, Mrs. Margarette Billings, Deacon W. M. Gentry.

Poplar Springs—Mr. Green Ray.

Rock Creek—Deacon A. Brewer, Deacon P. D. Emerson, Mr. Garvie Whitley, Mr. Henry Fuget, Mrs. Alice Higgins, Mrs. Almedia Higgins, Mrs. Elizabeth Sebastian, Mrs. Sarah Elizabeth Dowell.

Shoaly Branch—Mr. G. W. Gilliam, Mrs. Florence Osborne.

OBITUARIES

WILLIAM MARTIN GENTRY

William Martin Gentry was born February 14, 1853. Departed this life July 28, 1935, making his stay on earth 82 years, 5 months and 14 days. He professed a hope in Christ at about the age of 21 years and joined the Baptist church at Roaring River, two miles west of Traphill, in 1878. He moved his membership to Pleasant Home church in February, 1901. He was ordained a deacon. He was Sunday school teacher of the Bible Class for a number of years.

He was married to Charity Elizabeth Burcham, March 9, 1879. To this union were born 6 boys and 1 girl. One boy preceded him in death. He had 31 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

A precious one from us is gone,
A voice we loved is stilled,
A place is vacant in our home
Which never can be filled.

GRANT COTHREN,
JOHN BURCHAM, Committee.

GEORGE W. GILLIAM

George W. Gilliam was born July 15th, 1855. Departed this life October 23rd, 1934. Age 79 years, 3 months and 8 days. He was married to Delpha Gentry in 1879. To this union were born 7 children, 3 living, 4 dead. He professed a hope in Christ and joined Shoaly Branch Baptist Church about the age of 33 years where he remained a consistent member and deacon until God saw fit to call him up higher. Brother Gilliam was always faithful to his church. Brother Gilliam has passed on but his work is still going on.

H. F. TULBURT,
J. A. DARNELL, Committee

MRS. CHARITY C. McCANN

Charity Carter McCann, daughter of H. F. and Lodema Carter. Born February 21, 1872. Died April 16, 1934, age 62 years, 1 month and 25 days, was married to D. F. McCann October 27, 1889. To this union were born 7 children, 4 girls and 3 boys, 5 of whom are living. She professed a hope in Christ and joined the Baptist church about the age of 32 years, of which she remained a faithful member until death. In the passing of this dear sister the home lost a good housekeeper, the husband a faithful companion, the children a kind and loving mother, the church a devoted member.

H. F. TULBURT,
J. A. DARNELL, Committee.

DEACON AMBROSE BREWER

Ambrose Brewer was born July 2, 1858. Died February 24, 1935, making his stay on earth 76 years, 7 months and 22 days. He was united in marriage to Alice Emerson in 1880. To this union were born 9 children, 4 girls and 5 boys. He joined Covenant church in early life. Later he moved his membership to Rock Creek where he remained a faithful member until his death. He served on the board of deacons of Rock Creek church for nearly fifty years. At his death he was chairman of this board. He also served as church clerk for a number of years.

In early life he served the public as school teacher. In later life he served a number of years on the board of commissioners of Wilkes county. To this office, as well as all others, he gave his faithful and loyal support. In the passing of Bro. Brewer the church at Rock Creek lost one of her most loyal members. He was a man always found ready to do his duty in all respects. We feel that when God in His wisdom saw fit to remove from our midst our beloved brother and church worker, he carried him to fill one of the mansions in the Father's house spoken of in St. John 14. While in this life he was a great lover of music his favorite being that God given blessing, the human voice.

His favorite song was "The Garden of Roses." He now lives in a garden of roses, shut in from the world and its strife.

Tis there his soul now reposes
With Jesus in a new made life,
No night ever comes over his dwelling,
There Christ is the light of his soul.
With rapture his heart's ever swelling,
While moments of gladness roll,
If we could hear his voice today
calling
From his high estate we would hear
him say,
Oh! Come to this beautiful garden,
His love fills the soul with delight;
The things of the world never enter
And there is no shade of night.

REV. LESTER JOHNSON,
A. C. BREWER, Committee.

DEACON PHILO EMERSON

Philo D. Emerson was born December 7, 1878. Died November 25, 1934, being 55 years, 9 months and 18 days of age.

He professed a hope in Christ and joined Rock Creek Baptist church in August, 1894.

He was married to Lillie Ballard June 16, 1900. To this union were born two sons, Fred and Larry. His passing will be deeply felt in Rock Creek church as he was an active member. He was ordained as a deacon in October, 1926.

He was a man widely known and liked by all who knew him. He always had a smile and a kind word for everyone he came in contact with.

We regret the loss of our brother and friend but we feel that God knew best when He called him.

REV. LESTER JOHNSON,
A. C. BREWER, Committee.

MRS. ALICE HEGGINS

In February, 1935, God saw fit to call from this earth to the great beyond our sister in Christ Jesus, Mrs. Alice Heggins, wife of Frank Heggins. She was a faithful member of Rock Creek church where she had been a member since the year of 1908.

We feel that in her death the community where she lived, lost a loyal citizen, and that the loss will be deeply felt in her community and church.

REV. LESTER JOHNSON,
A. C. BREWER, Committee.

MRS. SARAH DOWELL

Mrs. Sarah Elizabeth Elmore Dowell, wife of F. A. Dowell, died at the age of 73. She was a member of a prominent Wilkes family, being a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Elmore. She was highly esteemed in her community, where she was an active member of Rock Creek Baptist Church as long as her health would permit.

She leaves her husband, F. A. Dowell, and the following children: Mrs. J. P. Pardue, Mrs. A. C. Pardue, Mrs. W. C. Johnson and Mrs. J. A. Brown. The loss of Mrs. Dowell will be deeply felt in the church and community by her many friends and relatives.

LESTER JOHNSON,
A. C. BREWER, Committee.

W. J. BRADLEY

Bro. W. J. Bradley was born January 8, 1896, died June 17, 1935. Professed religion in early life, joined the Friends church. Then joined Macedonia Church August 5, 1933, and was baptized, lived a consistent member until death.

Survived by his wife, nine children, also his mother, one sister, and six half brothers and sisters to mourn his death besides a host of relatives, friends and neighbors. He was loved by all who knew him.

J. M. BURCHETTE,
MRS. J. W. HURT, Committee.

JOSEPH THOMAS EDWARDS

Joseph Thomas Edwards was born October 16, 1843, died May 1, 1935. Joined Macedonia Church at about 40 years of age and lived a consistent member until death. Was clerk of the church for 25 or 30 years. He leaves six children, fifteen grandchildren to mourn his death, besides a host of friends, relatives and neighbors. He was loved by all who knew him.

J. N. BURCHETTE,
MRS. J. W. HURT, Committee.

TABLE I—Church Membership, Etc., Elkin Baptist Association, September 30, 1935.

CHURCHES	Village, Town, City or Country	When Constituted	PASTORS AND POSTOFFICES	Days of Meeting	Members Reported Last Year	GAINS				LOSSES				Total Present Members	Weekly Prayer Meet.	Revivals During Yr.	Ob. Lord's Supper	Rec. State Bap. Paper
						Baptisms	Letters	Statements	Restorations	Letters	Exclusions	Erasures	Deaths					
Center	Co.	1839	W. F. Weatherman, Jonesville	4	51	....	2	....	....	5	2	....	....	46	no	1	1	....
Cool Springs	Co.	1805	I. W. Vestal, Jonesville	2	229	3	1	....	....	3	....	....	3	227	no	2	1	6
Elkin Valley	Co.	1881	R. E. Adams, Mayodan	1	299	11	10	....	....	3	1	....	3	313	yes	1	1	1
Little Elkin	Co.	1905	Ed O. Miller, North Wilkesboro	4	162	10	2	....	....	8	....	....	1	163	no	2	1	....
Macedonia	Co.	1876	I. W. Vestal, Jonesville	*	169	8	....	....	....	2	....	....	2	173	yes	1	1	2
Mount Pleasant	Co.	1887	J. L. Powers, Elkin	1	103	2	2	....	....	5	....	....	1	101	yes	0	4	....
Pleasant Hill	V.	1897	I. W. Vestal, Jonesville	3	339	12	9	....	....	8	2	2	1	347	yes	1	1	....
Pleasant Home	Co.	1878	Grant Cothren, Traphill	4	170	2	....	....	....	2	....	....	3	167	no	1	1	2
Poplar Springs	Co.	1885	E. G. Jordan, Elkin	3	90	....	4	....	....	3	....	2	1	88	no	2	1	....
Rock Creek	Co.	1849	L. B. Murray, State Road	2	221	20	1	....	1	18	....	2	8	316	no	1	1	....
Shoaly Branch	Co.	1884	A. B. Hayes, Hays	3	152	1	....	....	....	1	....	1	2	149	yes	1	1	....
White Plains	Co.	.....	P. C. Parks, Cycle	3	152	....	1	....	....	4	....	....	....	149	no	1	1	....

* 1st and 3rd

TABLE II—Sunday Schools of Elkin Baptist Association, Year Ending Sept. 30, 1935.

CHURCHES	SUPERINTENDENTS AND POSTOFFICES	Beginners, 3 to 5	Primaries, 6 to 8	Juniors, 9 to 12	Intermediates, 13-16	Young People, 17-24	Adults, 25 years up	Cradle Roll, under 3	Officers and Teachers	Total Enrollment	Average Attendance	Is School Graded?	Is it Standard A-1?	Teachers, Norm. Dip.	Baptisms from S. S.	Mission S. S.?	Did you hold Daily Vaca. Bible School?
Center	Ovid Johnson, Thurmond	....	11	....	9	....	25	....	5	50	40	no	no	0	0	no	no
Cool Springs	Paul Newman, Elkin	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	9	138	80	no	no	1	3	no	no
Elkin Valley	Geo. Walters, Elkin	64	....	77	20	78	115	....	10	364	115	no	no	0	8	no	no
Little Elkin	Dewey Luffman, Ronda	....	24	....	22	24	34	....	6	110	60	no	no	0	9	no	no
Macedonia	Clyde Burchette, Ronda	16	....	....	23	....	26	....	5	70	49	no	no	0	8	no	no
Mount Pleasant	W. O. Key, Elkin	13	17	26	17	29	54	....	28	162	82½	yes	yes	6	....	no	no
Pleasant Home	Jas. McCann, Roaring River	10	12	10	13	20	15	....	10	90	55	no	no	0	2	no	no
Pleasant Hill	D. W. Day, Elkin	30	28	73	35	57	66	22	18	329	135	yes	no	0	....	no	no
Poplar Springs	J. W. Gentry, State Road	....	25	24	54	.	20	....	6	129	.....	.....	.....	....	....	.....	.....
Rock Creek	Watson Bryant, N. Wilkesboro	15	....	15	20	25	25	....	7	107	58	yes	no	0	1	no	no
Shoaly Branch	Fred Burcham, Benham	21	26	....	9	....	9	....	7	72	65	no	no	0	1	no	no
White Plains	G. T. Brown, Roaring River	....	32	....	20	30	15	....	7	104	60	no	no	0	....	no	no

TABLE III—Church Property of Elkin Baptist Association, Year Ending Sept. 30, 1935

CHURCHES	CHURCH CLERKS AND POSTOFFICES	Does Church Own its House of Worship?	When Was It Built?	Materials Used	Persons Seated	Number of Rooms	No. Dept. As. Rooms	Separate Class Rooms	Value of Church House and Grounds	Total Value of All Church Property	Indebtedness on All Church Property	Insurance Carried
Center	P. A. Caudill, Thurmond	yes		wood	300	1				1000	none	none
Cool Springs	M. L. Pettyjohn, Elkin	yes	1805	wood	500	1				2550	none	none
Elkin Valley	H. D. Woodruff, Elkin	yes	1914	wood	550	7	7	7		3650	600	1000
Little Elkin	Thos. J. Walls, Ronda	yes		wood	350	1				2000	none	none
Macedonia	C. R. Byrd, Ronda	yes	1898	wood	400	1				2000	none	none
Mount Pleasant	S. P. Combs, State Road	yes	1905	wood	400	8	7		3000	3150	none	none
Pleasant Hill	E. F. Yarboro, Elkin	yes	1903	wood	500	5	5		4000	4000	110	none
Pleasant Home	J. W. Cheek, Roaring River	yes	1900	wood	500	1			1000	1000	none	none
Poplar Springs	J. W. Gentry, State Road	yes		wood	300	1			1000	1000	none	none
Rock Creek	A. C. Brewer, North Wilkesboro	yes		wood	300	1			1000	1000	none	none
Shoaly Branch	L. C. Carter, Benham	yes	1894	wood	300	1			1500	1500	none	none
White Plains	G. T. Brown, Roaring River	yes		wood	400	1			1000	1000	none	none

TABLE IV—Gifts for Local Church Work of Elkin Baptist Association for Year Ending Sept. 30, 1935.

CHURCHES	REGULAR TREASURERS AND POSTOFFICES	Pastor's Salary	Ministerial Help and Supply	Building and Repairs	Incidentials	Literature for S. S., B. Y. P. U. & W.M.S.	Held Given to Local Poor	Printing Minutes and Clerk of Association	Other Objects	Given by Church Only	Given by S. S.	Total for Local Purposes given by the Church and all its Organizations
Center	P. A. Caudill, Thurmond	45.00			7.75	2.25		2.50		57.50		57.50
Cool Springs	O. P. Holbrook, Elkin	91.60		50.00		20.00		3.75		179.35		179.35
Elkin Valley	R. C. Woodruff, Elkin	418.80	14.23	136.31	146.30	50.00	13.00	6.00	51.32	834.65	148.39	1,093.04
Little Elkin								3.00				
Macedonia	C. R. Byrd, Ronda	90.00	11.56		12.00	6.35		2.50		115.56	6.35	121.91
Mount Pleasant	T. A. Gentry, State Road	122.84	11.75	882.17	42.00	51.30	4.00	3.00		1,118.76		1,118.76
Pleasant Hill	E. F. Yarboro, Elkin	173.99	54.27		109.64	75.39	38.70	5.00	200.96	433.11	289.84	722.95
Pleasant Home	W. G. Burcham, Roaring River	50.00	3.85		15.00	11.00		3.60		67.45	11.00	78.45
Poplar Springs	D. E. Cockerham, State Road	85.00	14.00	105.00	9.00	15.00		2.50		215.50	15.20	230.70
Rock Creek	A. C. Brewer, N. Wilkesboro		10.00		8.00			3.10		21.10		21.10
Shoaly Branch	J. C. Spencer, Benham	75.00			7.11			2.50	3.46			88.07
White Plains	G. T. Brown, Ro. River	30.00						1.50				30.00

Cool Springs: Other Salaries, $14.00. Elkin Valley, Other Salaries, $99.00; (Local Work) Given by All W. M. U. Organizations, Elkin Valley, $10.00. Pleasant Hill: Church Debt and Interest, $65.00. Pleasant Home, Church Debt and Interest, $6.00.

TABLE V—Gifts for Missions, Education and Benevolences, Elkin Association, Sept. 30, 1935.

CHURCHES	REGULAR TREASURERS AND POSTOFFICES	Special to State Missions	Special to Home Missions	Special to Foreign Missions	Special to Orphanage	Special Hospitals	Special to Old Ministers' Relief	Given by the Church Only	Given by W. M. U. Organizations	Given by the Sunday School	Total For Missions and Benevolences	Grand Total Given for All purposes by Ch. & All Organizations.
Center	P. A. Caudill, Thurmond											57.50
Cool Springs	O. P. Holbrook, Elkin				7.46	6.68	7.46				21.60	200.95
Elkin Valley	R. C. Woodruff, Elkin	1.65	1.35	27.14	116.88	23.50	10.72		11.51	169.73	181.24	1,274.28
Little Elkin												
Macedonia	C. R. Byrd, Ronda											121.91
Mount Pleasant	T. A. Gentry, State Road				18.49						18.49	1,137.25
Pleasant Hill	E. F. Yarboro, Elkin				20.37	10.49				30.86	30.86	753.81
Pleasant Home	W. G. Burcham, Ro. River				3.00	4.00					7.00	96.45
Poplar Springs	D. E. Cockerham, State Road				6.64					6.64	6.64	237.34
Rock Creek	A. C. Brewer, No. Wilkesboro				29.78			29.78			29.78	47.78
Shoaly Branch	J. C. Spencer, Benham				5.00			5.00			5.00	93.07
White Plains	G. T. Brown, Roaring River											38.00

Elkin Valley—Young People's Work: Church has General B. Y. P. U.; Adult Unions 1; Senior Unions 1; Intermediate Unions, 1; Junior Unions, 2; Total Unions, 5; Adults enrolled, 25; Seniors Enrolled, 10; Intermediates 22; Juniors Enrolled, 30; Total Enrolled 87; Total number Daily Bible Readers 44; Number Taking B. Y. P. U. Study Course 70; Total Systematic Givers in All Unions 50; Students in College from Your Church, None. Elkin Valley—W. M. U. Work: Number of Woman's Missionary Societies 1; Total W. M. U. Organizations 1; W. M. S. Members 23.

MINUTES

—of the—

Fifty-Eighth Annual Session

—of the—

ELKIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Convened With

Mount Pleasant Baptist Church

October 2, 3, 4, 1936

D. W. Day, Moderator ..... Elkin, N. C.
M. H. Royall, Clerk ..... Elkin, N. C.

The next session will be held with Bessie's Chapel Baptist Church, located 8 miles Northeast of Elkin, Beginning on Friday Before the First Sunday in October, 1937.

ELK PTG. CO., INC., ELKIN, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

FIFTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

ELKIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

MEETING WITH

MOUNT PLEASANT BAPTIST CHURCH

OCTOBER 2, 3, 4, 1936

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. J. L. Powers, reading 1st and 23 Psalms. Prayer by Rev. Eph Whisenhunt.

Moderator called association to order.

Extended an invitation to visitors and the following accepted seats: Revs. Bradley Mathis, J. G. Allgood of the Yadkin Association; Rev. Eph Whisenhunt, of the Surry Association; Brother P. D. Yates of the Stone Mountain Association and Rev. W. R. Beach, representing the Biblical Recorder.

Church letters called for and the following were handed in, read and delegates seated:

Center—P. A. Caudill, Ovid Johnson, C. L. Johnson, W. F. Holcomb.

Cool Springs—C. M. Carter, Eugene Pettyjohn, R. L. Wall.

Elkin Valley—H. D. Woodruff, B. C. Tulbert, M. H. Royall, Mrs. Lillie Sprinkle.

Little Elkin—J. M. Vanhoy.

Macedonia—

Mount Pleasant—S. P. Combs, W. A. Walters, N. I. Irvin, C. R. Walters.

Pleasant Hill—D. W. Day, Eugene Couch, Roe Collins, C. H. Day, Nellie Couch, Gladys Couch.

Pleasant Home—J. W. Cheek, J. Q. Burcham, J. B. Edwards, Quincy Cheek.

Poplar Springs—D. E. Hinson, W. D. Laster, Rev. E. F. Hinson.

Rock Creek—J. G. Johnson, Rev. Lester Johnson.

Shoaly Branch—H. F. Tulbert, J. A. Darnell, Mrs. Rosa Tulbert.

White Plains—Rev. J. S. Bryant.

A letter was presented from Bessie's Chapel Baptist Church, letter read. On motion letter received and the following seated as delegates: A. C. Wall, B. T. Southard, B. W. White, Marvin Brown.

On motion we take up work as it appears in minutes and have introductory sermon at this time. Sermon by Rev. R. E. Adams. Scriptural reading St. John, 4th chapter, 27 to 42. Text, 14th verse of same chapter.

On motion by Bro. H. F. Tulbert that we elect moderator and clerk by ballot. Bro. D. W. Day was elected Moderator, M. H. Royall elected Clerk.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED

Missions—M. F. Barker, B. C. Tulbert, M. A. Huggins.

Periodicals—S. P. Combs, Rev. W. R. Beach, Roe Collins.

Baptist Hospital—Rev. J. L. Powers, Smith Hagaman, C. M. Carter.

Orphanage—Rev. Lester Johnson, Rev. Eph Whisenhunt, R. D. Covington.

Old Minister's Relief—D. W. Day, Rev. I. W. Vestal, Gladys Couch.

Christian Education—W. H. Combs, J. Q. Burcham, Dallas Hinson.

Temperance—Rev. I. W. Vestal, Rev. E. F. Hinson.

Pastor and Church Relations—Rev. E. G. Jordan, Rev. J. L. Powers, Marvin Brown.

Resolutions—J. W. Gentry, H. F. Tulbert, Paul Caudill.

State of the Churches—Eugene Pettyjohn, R. L. Wall, J. H. Luffman.

Sunday School—Mrs. Paul Newman, Mrs. R. C. Harris, Ernest Wall.

Committee on Religious Exercises—Rev. J. L. Powers with delegates of Mt. Pleasant Church.

Time, Place and Preacher—H. D. Woodruff, B. T. Southard, Eugene Couch.

Finance—H. D. Woodruff, J. W. Cheek.

Committee on Committees—M. L. Pettyjohn, C. H. Day, W. D. Laster.

On Obituaries—Quincy Cheek, J. B. Edwards.

On motion adjourned until 1:30.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Association reassembled.

Song, "Ready."

Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. Lester Johnson, reading 12th chapter of Romans. Prayer by Rev. James Bryant.

Moderator called Association to order. Extended an invitation to visitors. Bro. R. D. Covington representing Mills Home at Thomasville, N. C. accepted a seat with us.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS

Your committee on Periodicals suggests the following. First of all is the Holy Bible. The Centenary Translation of the New Testament renders it in more understandable language than former translations. It is published by the American Baptist Publication Society, Philadelphia, Pa.

We should use our own Baptist literature in our Sunday Schools, get the Biblical Recorder and Charity and Children. Discourage reading novels and trashy literature.

Respectfully submitted,
S. P. COMBS,
W. R. BEACH,
ROE COLLINS, Committee.

Remarks by Revs. W. R. Beach, J. L. Powers, Eph Whisenhunt. Report adopted.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE

The first child was received into the Baptist Orphanage of North Carolina on November 11th, 1885, nearly fifty one years ago. Since that time by adopting and pursuing a wise financial policy, the orphanage has accumulated assets worth more than a million dollars and has rendered aid to more than four thousand needy children.

The orphanage was first sponsored by the North Carolina Baptist Orphanage Association. Later the Baptist State Board took it over. It has been operated under a charter which has been amended five times. The convention of 1928 changed the name from the Thomasville Baptist Orphanage to the Mills Home in honor of its founder—John H. Mills. At the meeting of the convention in 1934 the name was changed to Baptist Orphanage of North Carolina.

The administrative office, with I. G. Greer, general superintendent and R. D. Covington, treasurer, is located at Thomasville. The orphanage operates two homes, The Mills Home at Thomasville and The Kennedy Home at Kinston. Perhaps no other orphanage in all the world is so bound up with the Sunday Schools as ours. Almost from the beginning the main support has come from the once-a-month offering from the Sunday Schools. In more recent years the Thanksgiving offering has been of immense help.

We recommend that each church in our association take a once-a-month offering in their Sunday Schools for this great and worthy cause, or at least send a Thanksgiving offering.

While it is impossible to take all that seek admittance, the orphanage cares for every child it possibly can. They receive children between the ages of two and twelve years, and dismiss them according to preparation rather than age.

The annual report for 1935 shows 611 children at Thomasville and Kennedy Home with a cost of $22.42 for maintenance for each child. The expenses average $392.37 per day; one barrel of flour per day, four bushels of meal, a whole beef when used all around, six bushels of sweet potatoes, four of Irish potatoes, and other things in proportion. Then seeing what a great expense it is to care for these unfortunate children that are deprived of father or mother, won't we do everything in our power to help support them.

LESTER JOHNSON,
EPH WHISENHUNT,
R. D. COVINGTON, Committee.

Remarks by Bro. R. D. Covington, Revs. Lester Johnson, Eph Whisenhunt, J. L. Powers. Report adopted.

COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS EXERCISES REPORTS

Rev. I. W. Vestal will preach tonight at 7:30. Rev. Eph Whisenhunt tomorrow night.

Adjourned by singing, "God Be With You."

Prayer by Rev. I. W. Vestal.

7:30 P. M.—Songs, "The Sweet Bye and Bye" and "Blessed Assur-

ance." Prayer by Bro. Geo. Walters. Sermon by Rev. I. W. Vestal, text St. John, 2nd chapter. 5th verse.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Song, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus."

Devotional exercises, conducted by Rev. M. F. Barker, reading a part of the 7th chapter of Luke. Prayer by Rev. I. W. Vestal.

Moderator called association to order. Extended invitation to visitors. Bro. Smith Hagaman from the Baptist Hospital, Winston-Salem, N. C. Rev. Grant Cothren from the Stone Mountain Association accepted seats.

REPORT ON OLD MINISTER'S RELIEF

We, your committee beg to report that this is a most worthy and sacred cause. Therefore we know nothing better than for the Lord to speak to us from His own word, that came through Paul to the Romans. Romans 15:25 to 27: "I go unto Jerusalem to minister unto the saints, for it has pleased them of Macedonia and Achaia to make a certain contribution for the poor saints which are at Jerusalem, it hath pleased them verily; and their debtors they are."

Also in Paul's letter to the Corinthians we find the words. "For the administration of this service not only supplieth the want of the saints, but is abundant also by many thanksgivings unto God." 2nd Cor. 12th chapter.

Since we have read these verses of scripture along with others that can easily be found in the Holy Bible; we are persuaded to believe that Paul gave this cause his personal attention. Therefore may it please the pastors of the Elkin Association to take a free-will offering in each church at least once a year for the old ministers who have denied themselves of this world's goods and carried the gospel far and near through rain or shine and have come down to old age empty handed so far as this world's goods are concerned, but whose treasures are laid in heaven. Again we say may it please the pastors who have taken their places and are active in the service, to give this their personal attention with much prayer, for we feel that they truly are saints.

Respectfully submitted,
D. W. DAY,
REV. I. W. VESTAL,
GLADYS COUCH, Committee.

Remarks by Revs. I. W. Vestal, E. F. Hinson. Report adopted.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Youth is the formative period of our lives. Impressions then given stay with us through life. We feel therefore that the greatest care should be given to the kind of literature read in the home. Parents are urged to see that the Bible and Christian literature are given a prominent place.

The manner in which the Bible and Christian teaching are dealt with in our public schools also plays a large part in the attitude our youth takes in these matters. To the end that reverence for all sacred literature may be instilled in the hearts and minds of our youth; we urge that parents

make it a point to see that teachers of good upright and moral character be employed in our public schools. We would also urge the daily reading of the Bible in both the home and schools.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. COMBS,
J. Q. BURCHAM,
DALLAS HINSON, Committee.

Remarks by Rev. Grant Cothren. Report adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

The temperance question has always been before us and will always be, but it has never before been made a political issue by great numbers of so-called political leaders. The issue has been raised and we must meet it. If the Christians of this country wish intoxicating liquors banished, they must fight, pray and vote for only those men for office who they know are dry. It is up to us. Shall future generations say we were strong men and women, or shall they say of us, we were moral cowards and would not face the issue?

REV. I. W. VESTAL,
REV. E. F. HINSON, Committee.

Remarks by Revs. I. W. Vestal, E. F. Hinson, Grant Cothren, Bros. M. L. Pettyjohn, D. W. Day, C. H. Day. Report adopted.

REPORT ON BAPTIST HOSPITAL

A great part of the work of our Saviour while on earth was to heal the sick. If we would take part in this great work and live that Christ-like life as we are commanded to in the Bible we should use our means and influence to help support the Baptist Hospital at Winston-Salem.

This Hospital now has a staff of about fifty trained and in-training nurses. Three resident doctors and sixty medical and surgical doctors.

One of the greatest needs of the hospital at this time is more room. We trust this may in some way be provided for. Under our present arrangements, Mother's Day, the 2nd Sunday in May, is the only day in the whole year given to this cause and we wish to urge that all pastors and churches observe this day and take an offering for this institution.

Respectfully submitted,

REV. J. L. POWERS,
W. C. CARTER,
SMITH HAGAMAN, Committee.

Remarks by Rev. Grant Cothren. Bro. Smith Hagaman gave us an outline of the work which they are trying to do at the hospital, which was enjoyed by all. Report adopted.

On motion adjourned until 2:00 P. M.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Association reassembled.

Song, "Sweet Hour of Prayer."

Devotionals conducted by Rev. Grant Cothren. Prayer by Bro. Paul Caudill.

Moderator called association to order. Extended invitation to visitors. Bro. M. A. Huggins, General Secretary Baptist State Convention accepted a seat.

On motion the Obituary Committee be granted the privilege of mailing any obituaries to the Clerk of the Association.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Amount received from churches $47.00

H. D. WOODRUFF,
J. W. CHEEK, Committee.

Report adopted.

STATE OF CHURCHES

The Church is the greatest organization on earth.

Our churches are increasing in membership and also in Sunday Schools. We believe that our church members should be full of the Holy Spirit, and be ready at all times to give a reason for their hope. "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction and keep himself unspotted from the world." James 1:27.

EUGENE PETTYJOHN,
R. L. WALL,
J. H. LUFFMAN, Committee.

On motion the following amendment was added:

This association recommends and prays that every church in this association do their best by the help of God, to have an old time God given and heart-felt religious revival.

Remarks by Revs. J. L. Powers, E. F. Hinson, I. W. Vestal, Grant Cothren, Bradley Mathis, Bro. D. W. Day. Report adopted.

TIME, PLACE AND PREACHER

We, your committee, wish to report that the next session of the Elkin Baptist Association be held with Bessie's Chapel Baptist Church, located eight miles northeast of Elkin, N. C., on old Dobson road, beginning on Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1937, at 10:00 a. m. We recommend that Rev. James S. Bryant preach the introductory sermon. Rev. C. C. Cockerham, alternate.

H. D. WOODRUFF,
B. T. SOUTHARD,
EUGENE COUCH, Committee.

Report adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

We your Nominating Committee, beg to report as follows:
Missions—Paul Caudill, Thurmond, N. C.
Periodicals—M. L. Pettyjohn, Elkin, N. C.
Baptist Hospital—H. D. Woodruff, Elkin, N. C.
Orphanage—Ernest Wall, Ronda, N. C.
Old Minister's Relief—Marvin Brown, Elkin, N. C.
Christian Education—Mrs. Susie Church, Ronda, N. C.
Temperance—Rev. J. L. Powers, Elkin, N. C.
Pastor and Church Relations—Rev. Lester Johnson, Hays, N. C.
Resolutions—Rev. E. F. Hinson, State Road, N. C.
State of Churches—J. Q. Burcham, Roaring River, N. C.
Sunday School—H. F. Tulbert, Benham, N. C.

M. L. PETTYJOHN,
C. H. DAY,
W. D. LASTER, Committee.

PASTOR AND CHURCH RELATIONS

The relation between the pastor and the church is very much like unto the shepherd and his flock. It's progress and growth depends largely on his utmost efforts to make it grow. A tender plant without sunshine and rain, and watchcare of the gardener; will soon wither and die. Just so will the church weaken in power and influence unless he feeds it on wholesome spiritual food found throughout the Bible "The good Shepherd careth for his sheep." "He calleth them by name and they know his voice." He feeds them from green pastures of the Word of God, and thrives himself as he watches his flock grow from grace to grace in the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. In-as-much as he imparts to his church spiritual things, think it not a worthy cause to impart to him your temporal things? "God loveth a cheerful giver." 2nd Cor. 9:7.

REV. E. G. JORDAN,
REV. J. L. POWERS,
MARVIN BROWN, Committee.

Remarks by Rev. J. L. Powers, Bro. M. L. Pettyjohn. Report adopted.

COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS EXERCISES REPORTS

Rev. Grant Cothren to preach Sunday at 11:00 A. M.

REPORT ON MISSIONS

A State mission program was begun as early as 1814. Baptists in the South who believed in missions gave them their support. In fact from 1814 to 1845 the money which Baptists gave for missions was given through the Triennial Convention, organized in Philadelphia.

In later years Southern Baptists as they grew in wisdom and power and evidently in favor with God and men, created other agencies and institutions until now, 1936, Southern Baptists have several agencies and in-

stitutions. As we list these agencies we give a few facts concerning what has been done and what is being done.

Foreign Missions—It has sent out about 1000 missionaries. It has 18 missions in 14 countries. It now has about 400 missionaries on the fields, about 2500 native workers, ordained and unordained. It has about 2700 churches with a membership of over 200,000. It helps to maintain 266 schools with about 20,000 students. It has now an income of only about $900,000.

The Home Mission Board has about 200 missionaries and workers, and maintains over 400 mission stations and preaching places, 5 goodwill centers, 2 rescue missions and a seaman's Institute. It has and operates 15 schools and furnishes the property of 8 mountain schools to local boards free of charge. It assists in the operation of a Tubercular Sanatorium. The work they do and the work you do for missionary purposes, is for the ongoing of the kingdom.

It is not for the glory of one congregation of believers—It is "That the WORLD may know Christ."

M. F. BARKER,
M. A. HUGGINS,
B. C. TULBERT, Committee.

Remarks by Rev. M. F. Barker and ably discussed by Bro. M. A. Huggins, General Secretary Baptist State Convention. Report adopted.

On motion adjourned. Prayer by Rev. E. F. Hinson.

8:00 P. M. Singing by choir.

Sermon by Rev. Eph Whisenhunt, reading a part of the 17th chapter of St. John, text 18th verse.

SUNDAY MORNING, 11:00

Singing by choir led by Moderator.

Sermon by Rev. Grant Cothren, reading a part of the 12th chapter of Daniel, text 3rd verse.

Subject, "Shining for Jesus."

Song, "Higher Ground."

Prayer by Bro. Lonnie Walker. Intermission for dinner.

SUNDAY EVENING, 2:00 P. M.

Singing by choir.

Devotionals conducted by Rev. Bradley Mathis.

Moderator called the association to order.

Sunday School report taken up for discussion.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

What is Sunday School? A school for the purpose of spreading Christian Education. A spiritual training camp. Preparing an army to fight sin and win souls for Christ.

Sunday School is not for children only, but for everyone. Those who wish may attend and learn the truth. "Ye shall know the truth and the

truth shall make you free." Sunday School should prepare the field so the harvest may be gathered into the church. "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it."

The Sunday School's success depends largely on the leaders and teachers, great care should be taken in choosing these. Christian character should come first, then the spirit of meekness with the ability to teach. Trained teachers, adequate churches and equipment, are essential for a good Sunday School.

Attending Sunday School is one way of keeping the commandments of Jesus. He said: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature . . . teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you."

MRS. PAUL NEWMAN,
MRS. R. C. HARRIS,
ERNEST WALL, Committee.

Report discussed by the following: Revs. Eph Whisenhunt, Lester Johnson, E. F. Hinson, Bradley Mathis, Bro. W. H. Combs. Report adopted.

Song, "Place Your Hand in the Nail-Scarred Hand," by Bro. D. W. Day.

REPORT ON RESOLUTIONS

First: We thank God for His goodness, loving kindness and great blessings He has bestowed on us during the past year and we earnestly ask a continuation of the same.

Second: We want to ask our brethren and sisters to be more prompt to fill their seats on church meeting days, and be more earnestly engaged in the work of the Lord.

Third: We extend our heartfelt thanks to the people of Mount Pleasant church for their kind hospitality during the meeting of this association.

J. W. GENTRY,
H. F. TULBERT,
P. A. CAUDLE, Committee.

Report adopted.

Song, "God be With You."

Benediction by Rev. Eph Whisenhunt. Thus closing a happy and successful session of the Elkin Association.

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS

James Bryant.....Roaring River, N. C.
M. F. Barker.....Route 1, Roaring River, N. C.
C. C. Cockerham.....Route 1, Roaring River, N. C.
Richard Day.....Benham, N. C.
E. F. Hinson.....State Road, N. C.
Lester Johnson.....Hays, N. C.
J. H. Luffman.....Ronda, N. C.
E. G. Jordan.....Elkin, N. C.
Levi McCann.....Route 1, Roaring River, N. C.
Tom Shew .....North Wilkesboro, N. C.

OUR DEPARTED ONES

Elkin Valley—Mr. G. F. Martin, Mr. O. L. Darnell, Mr. John Cooper, Mrs. W. J. Harmon.

Little Elkin—Mrs. Fanny Smith.

Macedonia—Mrs. Pearl Lyon Boyd.

Mount Pleasant—Mr. Lock Hamby, Mrs. Sallie Cockerham.

Pleasant Hill—Mrs. Sarah Carter.

Pleasant Home—Deacon Marvin Cockerham, Mrs. Sarah A. Billings, Mrs. Mary E. Baugess.

Poplar Springs—Mrs. S. A. Nance.

Rock Creek—Mrs. Lizzie Ann Porter.

Shoaly Branch—Mr. H. F. Carter, Mr. W. H. Newman.

White Plains—Mrs. Tilda Pruitt.

OBITUARIES

DEACON MARVIN A. COCKERHAM

Marvin A. Cockerham was born June 11th, 1891 and departed this life November 7th, 1935, making his stay on earth 44 years, 4 months, 26 days. He professed a hope in Christ in early life, and joined Pleasant Home church. He was ordained a deacon in May, 1928. He leaves a wife, five children and a host of friends to mourn his passing.

DEACON SAMUEL A. JOHNSON

Samuel A. Johnson was born November 19, 1859, died June 12, 1935. He made a profession of faith at the age of 31 and a few years later united with Shoaly Branch Baptist church. He was ordained a deacon of that church and was always at the post of duty. Bro. Johnson was a great lover of vocal music, he being choir director for a number of years. In later years he moved his membership to Elkin Valley Baptist church where he remained a member until death. His smiling face and kind words were a benediction to those with whom he came in contact.

JOHN COOPER

John Cooper was born December 13, 1871, died November 6, 1935. He professed a hope in Christ in 1895 and joined Elkin Valley Baptist church and lived a beautiful Christian life, always loyal to his church until his death. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Sarah Hayes Cooper, one son, William, and two daughters, Myrtle and Anne. He is missed by many friends and relatives—Gone but not forgotten.

AMBERS HOUSTON LYON

Ambers Houston Lyon was born at Union Hill in Surry County, N. C. May 28, 1858, departed this life July 21st, 1936, making his stay on earth 78 years, 1 month, 23 days. Bro. Lyon was united in marriage to Nancy Wood January 14, 1877. To this union was born three children, Levora, Oscar and Cora. Mrs. Lyon preceded him in death in 1931. Bro. Lyon was converted in early life and in his later years united with Elkin Valley Baptist church where he remained a faithful member until death. Missed on earth but welcomed in heaven.

SARAH SNOW HARMON

Sarah Snow Harmon was born in Iredell County, N. C., March 1, 1873, died January 8, 1936, age 62 years, 10 months, 7 days. She professed a hope in Christ at Vernon Baptist church, Iredell County in 1888 and joined Mt. Olive Baptist church in Alexander County. She moved her membership to New Prospect church in Iredell County, later to Pleasant Hill church in Wilkes County and finally to Elkin Valley Baptist church in Surry County, where her membership remained until God called her home. Although her remains lie in the city of the dead, she still lives—"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth; yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them." Rev. 14, 13.

TABLE 1. Church Membership, Etc., Elkin Baptist Association Year Ending Sept. 30, 1936

CHURCHES	Village, Town, City or Country	When Constituted	PASTORS AND POST OFFICES	Days of Meeting	Members Reported Last Year	GAINS				LOSSES				Total Present Members	Weekly Prayer Meet.	Revivals During Yr.	Ob. Lord's Supper	Rec. State Bapt. Paper
						Baptisms	Letters	Statements	Restorations	Letters	Exclusions	Erasures	Deaths					
Bessie's Chapel	Co.	1934	E. G. Jordan, Elkin	4		1				5	1	1		18	no	2	1	
Center	Co.	1839	W. F. Weatherman, Jonesville	4	46	1				2				45	no	2	1	
Cool Springs	Co.	1805	I. W. Vestal, Jonesville	2	229									229	no	1	1	
Elkin Valley	Co.	1881	R. E. Adams, Mayodan	1	313	17	6			6			5	325	yes	1	1	3
Little Elkin	Co.	1905	Ed. O. Miller, Knottville	4	163	1				4	1		1	158	no	1	1	
Macedonia	Co.	1876	I. W. Vestal, Jonesville	*	173	7	2			3			1	178	no	1	1	1
Mount Pleasant	Co.	1887	J. L. Powers, Elkin	x	101	11	14			7		1	2	116	no	2	3	
Pleasant Hill	V.	1897	I. W. Vestal, Jonesville	3	347	41	13	1	1	4		35	1	363	yes	1	1	
Pleasant Home	Co.	1878	Grant Cothren, Traphill	4	167	6	8						3	172	no	1	1	1
Poplar Springs	Co.	1885	E. G. Jordan, Elkin	3	88	8	5			5	2		1	93	no	1	1	
Rock Creek	Co.	1849	James Bryant, North Wilkesboro	2	316		1		1	3			1	314	no	1	1	
Shoaly Branch	Co.	1884	A. B. Hayes, Hays	3	149	6	2			2			2	153	yes	1	1	
White Plains	Co.		P. C. Parks, Cycle	3	149	2							1	150	no	1	1	

* 1st and 3rd.
x 2nd and 4th.

TABLE II. Sunday Schools of Elkin Baptist Association. Year Ending Sept. 30, 1936

CHURCHES	SUPERINTENDENTS AND POST OFFICES	Beginners, 3 to 5	Primaries, 6 to 8	Juniors, 9 to 12	Intermediates, 13 to 16	Young People, 17 to 24	Adults, 25 years up	Cradle Roll, Under 3	Officers and Teachers	Total Enrollment	Average Attendance	Is School Graded?	Is It Standard A-1?	Teachers, Nor. Dip.	Baptisms from S. S.	Did You Hold a Vaca. Bible School?
Bessie's Chapel	Marvin Brown, Elkin	5	15	15	....	21	25	....	6	87	60	no	no	0	1	no
Center	J. M. Spicer, Thurmond	....	10	....	12	....	15	....	5	42	30	no	no	0	1	no
Cool Springs	O. P. Hollbrook, Elkin	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	0	....	.....
Elkin Valley	Geo. Walters, Elkin	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	11	298	177	no	no	0	16	yes
Little Elkin	Geo. W. Vanhoy, Rt. 1, Ronda	....	20	....	25	25	30	....	6	106	....	....	....	0	....	.....
Macedonia	Clyde Burchette, Ronda	....	10	....	....	24	29	....	....	63	....	....	....	0	....	.....
Mount Pleasant	W. O. Key, Elkin	12	8	27	14	33	52	....	11	157	75	yes	no	4	5	no
Pleasant Hill	D. W. Day, Elkin	31	37	69	43	50	94	26	16	366	125	yes	no	0	....	no
Pleasant Home	Jas. McCann, Roaring River	22	19	15	14	22	15	....	10	117	46	yes	no	0	5	no
Poplar Springs	J. W. Gentry, State Road	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	56	no	no	0	....	no
Rock Creek	Z. L. Myers, Rt. 2, No. Wilkesboro	34	....	30	....	35	20	....	6	125	65	no	no	0	....	.....
Shoaly Branch	O. H. Gentry, Benham	....	....	8	10	23	25	....	7	73	60	no	no	0	6	no
White Plains	J. A. Longbottom, Roaring River	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	50	no	no	0	1	.....

Elkin Valley—Enrollment of Vacation Bible School 110. Average Attendance 85.

TABLE III. Church Property of Elkin Baptist Association, Year Ending Sept. 30, 1936

CHURCHES	CHURCH CLERKS AND POST OFFICES	Does Church Own Its House of Worship?	When Was It Built?	Materials Used	Persons Seated	Number of Rooms	Separate Class Rooms	Value of Church	Total Value All House and Grounds	Indebtedness on All Church Property	Church Property Insurance Carried
Bessie's Chapel	A. C. Wall, Elkin	yes	1935	wood	500	3		$2500	$2500	none	none
Center	P. A. Caudle, Thurmond	yes		wood	300	1		1000	1000	none	none
Cool Springs	M. L. Pettyjohn, Elkin	yes	1805	wood	500	1		3000	3000	none	none
Elkin Valley	M. H. Royall, Elkin	yes	1914	wood	500	8	8	3000	3000	490	1000
Little Elkin	J. B. Luffman, Rt. 1, Ronda	yes	1905	wood	350	1		2000	2000	none	none
Macedonia	C. R. Byrd, Ronda	yes	1898	wood	400	1		2000	2000	none	none
Mount Pleasant	Robert Walters, State Road	yes	1905	wood	400	8	8	3000	3000	none	none
Pleasant Hill	Miss Vernelle Money, Elkin	yes	1903	wood	500	5	5	4000	4000	none	none
Pleasant Home	J. W. Cheek, Rt. 1, Roaring River	yes	1900	wood	500	1		1000	1000	none	none
Poplar Springs	J. W. Gentry, State Road	yes		wood	300	1		1000	1000	none	none
Rock Creek	A. C. Brewer, Rt. 2, No. Wilkesboro	yes		wood	300	1		1000	1000	none	none
Shoaly Branch	L. C. Carter, Benham	yes	1893	wood	300	1		1500	1500	none	none
White Plains	J. E. Parks, Roaring River	yes		wood	300	1		1000	1000	none	none

TABLE IV. Gifts for Local Church Work of Elkin Baptist Association for Year Ending Sept. 30, 1936

CHURCHES	REGULAR TREASURERS AND POST OFFICES	Pastor's Salary	Other Salaries	Ministerial Help and Supply	Building and Repairs	Church Debt and Interest	Incidentals	Literature for S. S. B. Y. P. U. & W. M. S.	Help Given to Local Poor	Printing Minutes and Clerk of Association	Other Objects	Contributions to Local work by S. S.	Total for Local Purposes given by Church, All its Organizations
Bessie's Chapel	B. T. Southard, Elkin	64.84	12.00							2.00			78.84
Center	P. A. Caudle, Thurmond	45.00		15.00			2.00	3.00		2.40			67.40
Cool Springs	O. P. Holbrook, Elkin	87.40		13.00			10.66	23.00	22.35	3.85			160.26
Elkin Valley	H. D. Woodruff, Elkin	454.49		31.00	45.99	70.00	113.42	78.87	25.00	7.00			837.27*
Little Elkin		115.00	15.00					20.00		3.50		20.00	153.50
Macedonia	C. R. Byrd, Ronda	60.00	3.00	28.00	25.00			10.67		2.00		10.67	128.67
Mount Pleasant	T. A. Gentry, State Road	176.64		90.00		241.28	89.43	49.79		4.00	32.29	286.95	683.43
Pleasant Hill	E. F. Yarboro, Elkin	212.12		89.56	15.31	97.00	62.82	70.21	16.00	6.00	48.73	181.59	617.75
Pleasant Home	W. G. Burcham, Roaring River	60.00		13.82			30.50	9.90		3.40		9.90	117.62
Poplar Springs	D. E. Cockerham, State Road	75.00		20.50			6.00	16.07		4.15	14.24	16.07	135.96
Rock Creek	A. C. Brewer, North Wilkesboro	65.00		16.50			8.00			3.75			93.25
Shoaly Branch	J. C. Spencer, Benham	75.00		20.00	150.00		10.00			3.00		9.35	258.00
White Plains	J. C. Parks, Roaring River	17.50		7.50						1.55			26.55

*Elkin Valley—W. M. U. Organization Gifts for Local Expense of Church $11.50.

TABLE V. Gifts for Missions, Education and all Benevolences, Elkin Baptist Asso., Sept. 30, 1936

CHURCHES	REGULAR TREASURERS AND POST OFFICES	Special to State Missions	Special to Home Missions	Special to Foreign Missions	Special to Orphanage	Special to Hospitals	Special to Old Ministers' Relief	Other Special Gifts	Total for Missions and Benevolences	Gifts (Missions) Given by S. S.	Grand Total, all Purposes Given by Sunday School	Grand Total Given for All Purposes by Ch. & All Organizations
Bessie's Chapel	B. T. Southard, Elkin								1.00*			79.84
Center	P. A. Caudle, Thurmond											67.40
Cool Springs	O. P. Holbrook, Elkin				6.00	8.79	6.00		20.79			181.05
Elkin Valley	H. D. Woodruff, Elkin	18.69	12.50	80.80	111.43	16.34	4.38	76.31	349.90			1187.17x
Little Elkin											20.00	153.50
Macedonia	C. R. Byrd, Ronda										10.67	128.67
Mount Pleasant	T. A. Gentry, State Road				14.34	3.07			17.41		286.95	700.84
Pleasant Hill	E. F. Yarboro, Elkin				17.12	21.63			38.75	38.75	220.34	656.50
Pleasant Home	W. G. Burcham, Roaring River					10.10			10.10		9.90	127.72
Poplar Springs	D. E. Cockerham, State Road				7.36				7.36	7.36	23.43	143.32
Rock Creek	A. C. Brewer, North Wilkesboro											93.25
Shoaly Branch	J. C. Spencer, Benham				9.35				9.35		9.35	267.35
White Plains	J. E. Parks, Roaring River											26.55

* Bessies' Chapel—Special to associational mission $1.00.

x Elkin Valley—Given by W. M. U. Organization to Missions and benevolences $29.45.

Elkin Valley—Church has General B. Y. P. U.; Adult Unions 1; Senior Unions 1; Intermediate Unions 1; Junior Unions 2; Total Unions 5.

Adults enrolled 10; Seniors 9; Intermediates 21; Juniors 30; Total enrolled 70. Total number daily Bible readers 30. Number taking B. Y. P. U. Study Course 48. Number systematic givers 50.

Elkin Valley—W. M. U. Work: Number Woman's Missionary Societies 1; Members enrolled 16; Enrolled in Mission Study 12.

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D. W. Day, Moderator ---------- Elkin, N. C.

M. H. Royall, Clerk ---------- Elkin, N. C.

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The next session will be held with Elkin Valley Baptist Church, located 1 1-2 miles north of Elkin, beginning on Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1938.

PROCEEDINGS

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FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. E. G. Jordan. Prayer by Rev. J. L. Powers.

Moderator called association to order.

Extended an invitation to visitors and the following accepted seats: Rev. and Mrs. H. Vance Hicks, Rev. A. B. Hayes, from the Stone Mountain Association; Bro. Tom Brown, from the Yadkin Association; Bro. W. H. Wall, from the Surry Association; Rev. E. L. Melton, from the Cabarrus Association; Rev. F. W. Frye, from the Rowan Association; Rev. W. R. Beach and wife, representing the Biblical Recorder.

Church letters called for and the following were handed in, read, and messengers seated:

BESSIE'S CHAPEL—O. C. Nance, B. T. Southard, Marvin Brown, K. W. Steele, B. W. White.

CENTER—P. A. Caudle, C. L. Johnson.

COOL SPRINGS—M. L. Pettyjohn, O. P. Holbrook, R. L. Wall.

ELKIN VALLEY—H. D. Woodruff, S. A. Foster, B. C. Tulbert, Mrs. Lillie Sprinkle, Mrs. Hallie Couch.

LITTLE ELKIN—J. B. Luffman, J. M. Vanhoy.

MACEDONIA—C. A. Burchette, T. L. Byrd.

MOUNT PLEASANT—W. H. Combs, S. P. Combs, Wm. Walters.

PLEASANT HILL—Miss Vermelle Money, Miss Gladys Couch, Dallas Carter, Arthur Collins.

PLEASANT HOME—John Q. Burcham, J. B. Edwards.

POPLAR SPRINGS—David Laster.

ROCK CREEK—Eugene Sebastain, W. B. Luffman, Rev. Lester Johnson.

SHOALY BRANCH—H. F. Tulbert, Mrs. Rosa Tulbert, Mrs. A. T. Gentry.

WHITE PLAINS—By letter only.

A letter of dismission was presented by East Elkin Baptist Church from the Surry Association. Letter read. On motion letter received and the following messengers seated: Mrs. Edna Sparks, Mrs. Virginia Parker, G. W. Creed, John Barker.

On motion we have introductory sermon at this time. Rev. J. S. Bryant and Rev. C. C. Cockerham being absent, the Association called on Rev. W. R. Beach to preach introductory sermon. Scripture reading, 116th Psalm. Text, 1st verse, "I love the Lord."

On motion that we elect Moderator and clerk by acclamation, D. W. Ray elected Moderator, M. H. Royall clerk.

On motion, adjourned until 1:30 P. M.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Association reassembled.

Song, "Bringing in the Sheaves."

Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. F. W. Frye, reading the 8th Chapter of Luke. Prayer by Bro. Frye.

Moderator called Association to order.

Extended an invitation to visitors.

Business of appointing committees taken up.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED

Missions—P. A. Caudle, C. L. Johnson, O. P. Holbrook.

Periodicals—M. L. Pettyjohn, R. L. Wall, J. M. Vanhoy.

Baptist Hospital—H. D. Woodruff, S. A. Foster, Lillie Sprinkle.

Orphanage—Earnest Wall, Miss Vermelle Money, Mrs. Edna Sparks, Mrs. Virginia Parker.

Old Ministers' Relief—Marvin Brown, C. A. Burchette, T. L. Byrd.

Christian Education—Mrs. Susie Church, John Q. Burcham, J. B. Edwards.

Temperance—Rev. J. L. Powers, David Laster, H. F. Tulbert.

Pastor and Church Relations—Rev. Lester Johnson, G. W. Creed, Mrs. O. L. Gentry.

Resolutions—Rev. E. F. Hinson, Dallas Carter, Gladys Couch.

State of Churches—John Q. Burcham, Revs. I. W. Vestal, Lloyd Pardue.

Sunday School— H. F. Tulbert, S. P. Combs, Mrs. Wm. Walters.

Time, Place and Preacher—Rev. E. G. Jordan, A. B. Hays, Mrs. W. H. Combs.

Finance—Wm. Walters, Arthur Collins, Mrs. Hallie Couch.

Committee on Committees—O. P. Holbrook, C. A. Burchette, Mrs. R. W. Walters.

Arrangements—H. D. Woodruff, with Moderator and Clerk.

Religious Exercises—Rev. E. G. Jordan with messengers of Bessie's Chapel Church.

On motion, the Obituary Committee was dispensed with and Association ordered that a page in the minutes be dedicated to the memory of our dead during the past year.

PASTOR AND CHURCH RELATIONS

The pastor is the spiritual leader of his Church. He should trust and look to God for guidance of his flock. He, if a true pastor, will strive to the upbuilding of his church spiritually and otherwise, ever looking and working for the church's best interest. Watching over the flock and feeding them on the word of God, the pastor should see to it that his members are given work. We are workers together and the church is a body of baptised believers in the Lord Jesus Christ, set apart for work. The church should co-operate with the pastor in carrying on the work of the Kingdom. The church should see to it that the pastor's hands are not tied, but that he has sufficient means to enable him to give his time to the work, to visit his members, praying with them, instructing them in regard to Christian duties and responsibilities; for we are all one body in Christ Jesus and members one of another. The members of the church should be present at each meeting, they should be ready to inform the pastor of any of the church's needs, visits of the sick, those who need help and see that the church is provided for in this respect.

REV. LESTER JOHNSON
G. W. CREED
MRS. O. L. GENTRY, Committee.

Remarks by Revs. Lester Johnson, J. L. Powers, Lloyd Pardue, I. W. Vestal, E. G. Jordan.

Report adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

The Temperance question should be of vital importance to us as a church. If we leave it entirely to the political leaders of our country, which as a rule are more interested in their political career than the church, intoxicating liquors will never be banished. Our motto should be "Vote as we pray."

Pretending to represent the true religion, shall we go on leaving this important issue to future generations to say we were too cowardly to face the issue?

Our bodies are wonderful temples and are planned to be God's temples, and no greater honor can come to them than that the Spirit of God dwells there. It is a most wicked sin to abuse and weaken their powers, for it is God's plan that we should work together with him in keeping them strong and clean, for out of the body we worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

REV. J. L. POWERS
DAVID LASTER,
H. F. TULBERT, Committee.

Remarks by Revs. J. L. Powers, A. B. Hayes, E. F. Hinson.

Report adopted.

STATE OF CHURCHES

Our church buildings are still being used as places of Godly worship, most of which are convenient and comfortable; though some are small, all have good roads leading to them. Our membership is larger, our giving to the different causes has increased.

Our Christian influence is very dim as to what it should be.

We recommend that ministers and all true Christians put forth an effort to bring about a greater Christian influence among the church members.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN Q. BURCHAM
REV. I. W. VESTAL
REV. LLOYD PARDUE, Committee.

Remarks by Revs. I. W. Vestal, Lloyd Pardue, H. V. Hicks.

Report adopted.

Committee on Religious Exercises reported Rev. A. B. Hayes will preach tonight at 7:30.

The Messengers from East Elkin Baptist Church were giv-

en the right hand of welcome and fellowship.

Adjourned until tonight..

7:30 P. M.—Song, "Ready."

Scripture reading—1st Chapter Romans. Text, 15th verse. Subject, "Our Indebtedness."

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Song—"Glory to His Name."

Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. Lloyd Pardue, reading 91st Psalm. Prayer by Rev. Grady Burgiss.

Moderator called Association to order. Extended invitation to visitors.

Rev. J. A. McKaughan, Bro. Smith Hagaman, representing the Baptist Hospital at Winston-Salem; Rev. J. C. Pipes, from the State Board, Raleigh, N. C.; Rev. L. G. Grady Burgiss, from the Yadkin Association, accepted seats.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS

Your Committee on Periodicals begs to report as follows:

1st. That we read the Bible and study it prayerfully and under the leadership of the Holy Spirit. The apostle Paul tells us "to study to show thyself approved of God, a workman that needeth not be ashamed rightly dividing the word of truth." Let us as members of this Association put that in practice in our lives.

2nd. That we encourage our people to read good religious papers, such at the Biblical Recorder and Charity and Children, and go to Church and Sunday School.

M. L. PETTYJOHN
J. M. VANHOY
R. L. WALLS ,Committee.

Report adopted.

On motion the discussion on Old Ministers' Relief, Christian Education and Missions be carried on at the same time this afternoon.

REPORT ON BAPTIST HOSPITAL

The year closing June 30, 1937, was the greatest in the history of the 14 years of ministry of the Baptist hospital, located at Winston-Salem—greatest in number of patients admitted, in number of churches contributing to its support, and greatest in amount contributed.

About 5,000 patients applied for treatment during the year. Of

this number 1,000 could not be admitted for want of rooms. The hospital never turns away a patient as long as there is an empty bed. The nurses' home is now being enlarged—the capacity doubled—also plans are under way to enlarge the hospital.

During the year 1,000 mothers were returned to their 3,000 children; 4,000 patients returned home to 20,000 fathers, mothers, brothers and sisters, and 200,000 interested kinsmen and friends.

The hospital has a staff of 5 internes, 66 doctors, 55 nurses. The hospital and doctors are rendering a vast amount of free service to sick and distressed humanity—not less than $160,000 for the year—these patients coming from practically every section of the State.

The Hospital depends largely on the Mothers' Day offering for providing treatment to those who cannot pay. This offering last May was a little more than $20,000. Hospital linen, such as sheets, pillow cases, towels, etc., has been donated in increased quantities this year by Woman's Missionary Unions and other church organizations.

As a Christian institution, this hospital always endeavors to minister to, not only the suffering body, but to the distressed mind and spirit as well.

H. D. WOODRUFF
S. A. FOSTER
MRS. LILLIE SPRINKLE, Committee.

Remarks by Bro. H. D. Woodruff. Bro. Smith Hagaman gave us an outline of the work they are trying to do at the hospital. Rev. J. C. Pipes made a very impressive talk on the hospital, missions, etc. These brethren just made our hearts glow as they poured out their souls on these subjects.

Report adopted.

Adjourned until 1:30 P. M.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Song—"Jesus Paid It All."

Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. L. Grady Burgiss, reading a part of 23rd Chapter Luke. Prayer by Bro. Burgiss.

An offering for the United Dry Forces was taken amounting to $4.29.

Moderator called Association to order.

OLD MINISTERS' RELIEF

We, your committee, beg to report that this is a most worthy and sacred cause.

Our old pioneer preachers have given their lives and talent to

the preaching and spread of the gospel.

Therefore, may it please the pastors of the Elkin Association to take a free will offering at least once a year in each church for the old ministers who have denied themselves of this world's goods and carried the gospel far and near through rain or shine and have come down to old age empty-handed so far as this world's goods are concerned, but whose treasures are laid up in heaven. Again we say may it please the pastors who have taken their places and are active in the service to give this their personal attention with much prayer, for we feel that they are truly saints.

Respectfully submitted,

MARVIN BROWN
C. A. BURCHETTE
T. L. BOYD
Committee.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

God created man with a mind capable of seeking truth and acquiring knowledge. In that we recognize his approval of Christian education.

The Bible warrants the building and maintaining of schools. The great apostle Paul was brought up in the school of Gamaliel, and Moses by divine providence was educated that he might deliver God's children from bondage.

Civilization of the present day is in many ways indebted to Christianity. Christian schools were pioneers in paving the way for the present educational system.

Christian education, broadly speaking, means the fitting of one's self for living the more abundant life. To become a leader in any walk of life, an education is necessary. Growth and advancement of any Church or denomination depends in a large measure upon the education and understanding of its members and especially of its leaders.

The Baptist church of North Carolina is emphasizing the importance of an educated and trained membership. The various organizations of the church play an important part in the training of the members for leadership in the church.

Our Baptist colleges in North Carolina are Wake Forest, Meredith, Chowan, Mars Hill, and Campbell College. Our institutions are essential to the progress and life of our people.

This report can only utter an appeal that our people shall maintain a place of leadership in the educational world and uphold Jesus Christ in the minds and lives of people.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. HARVEY CHURCH
JOHN Q. BURCHAM
J. B. EDWARDS, Committee.

REPORT ON MISSIONS

Hundreds of years ago when the world was in darkness, God so loved the world he sent his only son to this world on a great mission, and that mission was to save all who would accept him as their Savior. Jesus called men to be his disciples, and they were sent out on a mission. That mission was the salvation of souls. Paul was a traveling missionary. He preached in different countries, and his theme was the salvation of souls and the extension of Christ's kingdom on earth. Now we have many missionaries in different countries telling people who are in darkness of the goodness of Christ, and are leading many to the light and liberty of our God.

We who have heard the good news of Jesus, ought, with all our might hasten to pass it on to others. Ye are my witnesses of all that Jesus began to do and teach. Let the love of Jesus constrain us to bear the good news of his salvation from this place to all people everywhere.

P. A. CAUDLE
O. P. HOLBROOK
C. L. JOHNSON, Committee.

Discussion on the three foregoing reports was led by Rev. J. L. Powers. Other speakers were Rev. A. B. Hayes, Bro. Smith Hagaman.

Reports adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

We, your nominating committee, beg to report as follows:
Missions—Rev. I. W. Vestal, Jonesville.
Periodicals—Mrs. R. C. Harris, Elkin.
Baptist Hospital—Rev. E. G. Jordan, Elkin
Orphanage—Rev. J. L. Powers, Elkin
Old Ministers' Relief—Rev. Lester Johnson, Hays.
Christian Education—J. R. Burcham, Roaring River.
Temperance—Rev. C. C. Cockerham, Roaring River.
Pastor and Church Relations—M. L. Pettyjohn, Elkin.
Resolutions—Rev. Lloyd Pardue, Elkin.
State of Churches—H. F. Tulbert, Benham.
Sunday School—Mrs. Paul Newman, Elkin.

O. P. HOLBROOK
MRS. ROBERT WALTERS
C. A. BURCHETTE, Committee.

Report adopted.

REPORT ON FINANCE

Amount Received from Churches	$47.67
Special Collection	4.58
Total	$52.25

WM. WALTERS
ARTHUR COLLINS
MRS. HALLIE COUCH, Committee.

Report adopted.

TIME, PLACE AND PREACHER

We, your committee, wish to report that the next session of the Elkin Baptist Association to be held with Elkin Valley Baptist Church, located 1 1-2 miles north of Elkin, beginning on Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1938, at 10:00 A. M. We recommend that Rev. R. E. Adams preach the introductory sermon. Rev. J. L. Powers, alternate.

REV. A. B. HAYES
REV. E. G. JORDAN
MRS. W. H. COMBS, Committee.

Report adopted.

Committee on Religious Exercises reports that Rev. J. L. Powers preaches tonight at 7:30 P. M.

Song—"The Kingdom is Coming."

Adjourned until tonight.

Prayer by Bro. M. H. Royall.

7:30 P. M.—Song, "Send the Light."

Scripture reading, 2nd Chapter Genesis.

Special song by Bro. D. W.. Day.

Subject by Rev. Powers, "God's Call to Man."

SUNDAY MORNING, 11:00

Singing led by Moderator.

Prayer by Rev. E. G. Jordan.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE

The first child was received into the Baptist Orphanage of North Carolina on November 11th, 1885, fifty-two years ago. Since that time it has rendered aid to more than four thousand needy children.

The Orphanage operates two homes. The Mills Home at Thomasville, where the administration office is located, I. G. Greer, general superintendent, and R. D. Covington, treasurer. The Kennedy Home

at Kinston. The main support is through the once-a-month offering from the Sunday School. We suggest that every Sunday School swell these offerings.

We recommend that every church in our Association take a special Thanksgiving offering and arrangements be made that some of the children from the orphanage come to one of our churches at Thanksgiving time. We suggest that a group or a representative from each church to visit the homes at least once each year to see for themselves just what is being done by the Baptist denomination. Each Christian is commanded to be doers of the word. We can do this by visiting the fatherless and widows in their affliction.

Some of our churches have already adopted the birthday offering for the Sunday School. Each member of the Sunday School that has a birthday during the week, put a penny for each year old they are in the birthday offering on Sunday. This system might prove successful for all the churches as one method of raising funds.

We recommend Bro. H. D. Woodruff as our orphanage representative through whom they can contact with.

May we co-operate with our orphanage more in the year to come than we ever have.

MISS VERMELLE MONEY
MRS. TOM PARKER
MRS. GEORGE SPARKS, Committee.

Remarks by Bros. W. H. Combs, D. W. Day.

It being pre-arranged, Rev. Arch McMillan was assigned the 11:00 o'clock preaching hour for preaching and discussion of the orphanage work. Text, 27th verse, 1st chapter of James, "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this to visit the fatherless and the widows in their affliction and keep himself unspotted from the world."

On motion Bro. H. D. Woodruff was elected as our orphanage representative as recommended by orphanage committee.

Report adopted.

Intermission for dinner.

SUNDAY EVENING, 1:30

Song—"My Hope is Built."

Devotional exercises conducted by Bro. G. M. Walters, reading 15th Chapter St. John. Prayer by Bro. Hugh Couch.

Special collection to supplement minute fund, $4.58.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

There are two things that the Sunday School should do for the community at large—win to Christ and save to Christ. The Sunday School finds the people where they are. It puts them in touch with the Bible, the Church and Christ. It brings them in contact with the gospel, which is the power of God unto salvation. People must hear in order to believe, and believe in order to be saved. The purpose of finding people and bringing them under Christian influence is to get them saved, and this is the Sunday School's main business. Our Sunday Schools are in position to win for Christ. There never has been a better time for Sunday School teachers and leaders to fight to win souls for Christ. The main instrument in Sunday School is the Bible. Soul winning is the Sunday School's BIG BUSINESS.

Therefore, let us strive earnestly to have A-1 Sunday Schools in every church in our Association.

Respectfully submitted,

H. F. TULBERT
MRS. WM. WALTERS
S. P. COMBS, Committee

Report discussed by Rev. E. G. Jordan, Bros. Tom Brown, B. T. Southard, G. M. Walters, H. D. Woodruff, D. W. Day.

Report adopted.

REPORT ON RESOLUTIONS

Inasmuch as it has pleased God to bless and preserve us through another year, be it resolved:

1st. That we return our sincere thanks to God for his blessings.

2nd. That we endeavor to be more efficient in the kingdom's work.

3rd. That we strive more and more to stress the one and only way to enter into the Kingdom of God.

4th. That we extend to the church and people at and around Bessie's Chapel our thanks for their kind hospitality during this service.

E. F. HINSON
DALLAS CARTER
GLADYS COUCH, Committee.

Report adopted.

Special song by Bro. D. W. Day.

During the closing song, "Higher Ground," a general handshake and farewell was taken, thus closing a joyous session of the Elkin Association.

Benediction by Rev. E. G. Jordan.

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS

James Bryant ---------- Roaring River
M. F. Barker ---------- Roaring River
C. C. Cockerham ---------- Rt. 1, Roaring River
Richard Day ---------- Benham
E. F. Hinson ---------- State Road
Lester Johnson ---------- Hays
J. H. Luffman ---------- Ronda
E. G. Jordan ---------- Elkin
Levi McCann ---------- Rt. 1, Roaring River
Lloyd Pardue ---------- Elkin
Tom Shew ---------- North Wilkesboro
John Weatherman ---------- State Road

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THIS PAGE DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY OF OUR DEPARTED ONES

CENTER—
Mrs. Nancy Johnson
COOL SPRINGS—
Deacon W. D. Tucker
Mr. Joe Wishon
Mr. Charlie Lyon
Mrs. Mary Settle
Mrs. Mattie Darnell
Mrs. Adaline Tucker
Miss Susan Pruitt
LITTLE ELKIN—
Mrs. Joyce Blackburn Hayes
MACEDONIA—
Mrs. Ann Spillman
MOUNT PLEASANT—
Mrs. Stella Combs
PLEASANT HILL—
Mrs. Ola Darnell
Mrs. Ina Transou
Mr. Tommie Newman
PLEASANT HOME—
Mrs. Carolina Combs
Mrs. Charity E. Gentry
Mrs. Lavandia Gentry
ROCK CREEK—
Mrs. C. M. Sebastian
SHOALY BRANCH—
Mrs. Lizzie Gilley
Mr. Wesley Hanes
Mr. W. F. Norman
WHITE PLAINS—
Mr. W. F. Alexander

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord." (ASV). Rev. 14:13.

CHURCHES	Village, Town, City or Country?	When Constituted	PASTORS AND POST OFFICES	Days of Meeting	Members last year	Baptisms	Letters	Statements	Restorations	Letters	Exclusions	Erasures	Deaths	Total Present M'bers	Weekly Pr'y'r M'ting	Revival Held in Yea	Obs. Lord's Supper	Families R'g Bapt. F
1. Bessie's Chapel	C	1934	E. J. Jordan, Elkin	4	18	1	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	23	...	1	1	...
2. Center	C	1839	W. F. Weatherman, Jonesville	4	45	5	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	48	...	1	1	...
3. Cool Springs	C	1805	I. W. Vestal, Jonesville	2	229	12	1	2	...	1	...	...	8	235	*	1	1	...
4. East Elkin	T	1921	J. L. Powers, Elkin	3	148	12	16	1	...	...	...	...	...	177	*	1	1	...
5. Elkin Valley	C	1881	R. E. Adams, Mayodan	1	325	18	5	1	1	7	...	1	...	328	*	1	1	3
6. Little Elkin	C	1905	Ed O. Miller, No. Wilkesboro	4	158	12	...	...	...	1	...	1	1	167	0	1	1	...
7. Macedonia	C	1876	I. W. Vestal, Jonesville	1 3	178	11	2	...	...	3	...	...	2	186	...	1	1	1
8. Mount Pleasant	C	1887	J. L. Powers, Elkin	2 4	116	11	2	...	...	...	...	...	1	128	...	1	4	...
9. Pleasant Hill	V	1897	I. W. Vestal, Jonesville	3	363	9	5	...	...	4	...	...	3	370	*	1	1	1
10. Pleasant Home	C	1878	Grant Cothren, Traphill	4	172	14	7	...	...	3	...	...	3	187	*	1	1	1
11. Poplar Springs	C	1885	E. G. Jordan, Elkin	3	93	22	6	...	...	...	2	...	...	120	...	1	1	2
12. Rock Creek	C	1849	J. E. Elliott, Knottsville	2	314	17	3	...	...	4	...	...	1	329	...	1	1	...
13. Shoaly Branch	C	1884	I. C. Woodruff, Hays	3	153	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	3	147	...	1	1	...
14. White Plains	C		Lloyd Pardue, Elkin	3	136	1	6	...	...	1	...	...	1	141	...	1	1	...

TABLE II.—Sunday Schools of the Association

CHURCHES	SUPERINTENDENTS AND POST OFFICES	Beginners 3-5 Yrs.	Primaries 6-8 Yrs	Juniors 9-12 Yrs.	Intermediates 13-16	Young People 17-24	Adults 25 and Up	Cradle Roll under 3	Officers and T'chers	Total Enrollment	Average Attendance?	Is School Graded?	Baptisms from S. S.	Contributions Given by S. S. (Local Work)	Gifts (Missions) Given by S. S.	Total for all purposes Given by S.S.
1. Bessie's Chapel	B. T. Southard, Elkin	...	15	15	10	15	20	...	6	81	44	...	2	28.00	1.50	29.50
2. Center	Ted Nichols, Thurmond	...	15	...	20	...	25	...	5	65	50	...	...	3.00	.....	3.00
3. Cool Springs	R. C. Harris, Elkin	36	...	60	...	29	43	...	10	178	...	...	...	36.00	14.00	50.00
4. East Elkin	E. M. Eldridge, Elkin	Reported to Surry Association												.....	.....	.....
5. Elkin Valley	G. M. Walters, Elkin	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	310	161	...	14	.....	.....	.....
6. Little Elkin	E. C. Settle, Ronda	44	...	65	46	56	89	...	6	85	...	...	12	20.00	1.00	21.00
7. Macedonia	C. A. Burchette, Ronda	20	...	16	...	20	23	...	86	...	...	...	...	14.00	.....	14.00
8. Mount Pleasant	Wm. Walters, State Road	20	...	22	28	...	16	2	8	150	...	*	10	.....	99.50	99.50
9. Pleasant Hill	D. W. Day, Elkin	4	16	20	20	27	53	23	16	300	130	*	...	198.83	58.19	257.02
10. Pleasant Home	James McCann, Roaring River	18	22	48	48	50	75	...	8	114	60	...	12	.....	.....	.....
11. Poplar Springs	J. W. Gentry, State Road	21	8	18	...	38	21	...	...	135	54	...	...	16.35	7.65	24.00
12. Rock Creek	Z. L. Myers, No. Wilkesboro	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	55	...	15	.....	.....	.....
13. Shoaly Branch	O. H. Gentry, Benham	...	5	9	32	...	29	...	7	72	...	...	...	5.20	6.84	12.04
14. White Plains	Denver Holcomb, Traphill	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	60	...	...	.....	.....	.....

TABLE III.—Church Property in the Association

CHURCHES	CHURCH CLERKS AND POST OFFICES	Church own House of Worship?	When Built?	Materials Used	Persons Seated	Number Rooms	No. Sept. Class Rooms	Value Church House and Grounds	Total Value All Church Property	Indebtedness on All Church Property	Insurance Carried
1. Bessie's Chapel	A. C. Wall, Elkin	Yes	1935	Wood	500	3	...	2500	2500	.....	.....
2. Center	P. A. Caudle, Thurmond	Yes		Wood	300	1	...	1000	1000	.....	.....
3. Cool Springs	M. L. Pettijohn, Elkin	Yes	1805	Wood	500	1	...	3000	3000	.....	.....
4. East Elkin	C. W. Haynes, Elkin	Yes	1921	Wood	300	6	6	3000	3000	.....	.....
5. Elkin Valley	M. H. Royall, Elkin	Yes	1914	Wood	500	8	7	3500	3500	415	1000
6. Little Elkin	D. T. Luffman, Ronda	Yes	1905	Wood	300	1	...	2000	2000	.....	.....
7. Macedonia	C. R. Byrd, Ronda	Yes	1898	Wood	400	1	...	2500	2500	.....	.....
8. Mount Pleasant	Robert Walters, State Road	Yes	1905	Wood	400	8	7	3000	3000	.....	.....
9. Pleasant Hill	Miss Vernele Money, Elkin	Yes	1903	Wood	500	5	4	4000	4000	.....	.....
10. Pleasant Home	J. W. Cheek, Roaring River	Yes	1900	Wood	500	1	...	1500	1500	.....	.....
11. Poplar Springs	J. W. Gentry, State Road	Yes	1887	Wood	300	1	...	1000	1000	.....	.....
12. Rock Creek	A. C. Brewer, No. Wilkesboro	Yes		Wood	300	1	...	1000	1000	.....	.....
13. Shoaly Branch	O. H. Gentry, Benham	Yes	1893	Wood	350	1	...	1600	1600	.....	.....
14. White Plains	Noah W. Parks, Roaring River	Yes		Wood	300	1	...	1000	1000	.....	.....

TABLE IV.—Gifts for Local Church Work

CHURCHES	REGULAR TREASURERS AND POST OFFICES	Pastor's Salary	Ministerial Help and Supply	Building and Repairs	Church Debt and Interest	Incidentals	S. S., B. Y. P. U. and W. M. S. Literature	Help Given to Local Poor	Printing Minutes and Associational Clerk	Other Objects	Total for Local Purposes.
1. Bessie's Chapel	B. T. Southard, Elkin	60.00	.....	.....	.....	20.00	20.00	.....	2.00	.....	102.00
2. Center	P. A. Caudle, Thurmond	45.00	15.50	.....	.....	14.00	.....	4.50	2.50	.....	81.50
3. Cool Springs	O. P. Holbrook, Elkin	86.00	25.33	.....	.....	21.60	.....	9.63	3.00	.....	145.56
4. East Elkin	G. W. Creed, Elkin	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3.00	.....	3.00
5. Elkin Valley	H. D. Woodruff, Elkin	420.00	86.89	51.68	105.00	149.75	71.51	7.21	7.00	20.00	929.04
6. Little Elkin	C. E. Walls, Ronda	100.00	17.00	106.90	.....	4.30	20.00	.....	3.00	.....	251.20
7. Macedonia	C. A. Burchette, Ronda	97.00	34.90	186.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	2.00	.....	319.90
8. Mount Pleasant	T. A. Gentry, State Road	175.33	70.89	11.44	.....	97.90	38.55	.....	5.00	26.74	425.55
9. Pleasant Hill	E. F. Yarboro, Elkin	234.00	66.96	413.25	12.00	97.27	80.16	52.36	6.00	44.65	1006.82
10. Pleasant Home	W. G. Burcham, Roaring River	80.00	19.05	1.50	.....	15.00	16.00	.....	2.15	20.00	153.70
11. Poplar Springs	D. E. Cockerham, State Road	95.00	28.30	.....	.....	6.00	16.35	.....	3.50	.....	149.15
12. Rock Creek	A. C. Brewer, No. Wilkesboro	29.63	8.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3.00	24.23	64.86
13. Shoaly Branch	O. H. Gentry, Benham	75.00	20.00	.....	.....	15.00	.....	.....	2.50	.....	112.50
14. White Plains	John E. Parker, Roaring River						.....	.....	3.02	100.00	103.02

TABLE V.—Gifts for Missions, Education and all Benevolence

CHURCHES	Total to Co-op Program	Special to Associationa. Missions	Special To State Missions	Special To Orphanage	Special To Hospitals	Ministerial Relief	Other Special Gifts	Total given for Missions and Benevolences by the Church and all Depts.	Grand Total for all Purposes both Local and Mission by Church and All Organizations
1. Bessie's Chapel	.....	.....	.....	.....	.4.00	.....	1.00	5.00	107.00
2. Center	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	81.50
3. Cool Springs	.....	.....	.....	7.00	5.86	7.00	.....	19.86	165.42
4. East Elkin	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
5. Elkin Valley	55.00	.....	19.16	194.84	34.32	15.00	.....	318.32	1247.36
6. Little Elkin	.....	.....	.....	1.00	2.50	.....	.....	3.50	254.70
7. Macedonia	.....	.....	.....	8.26	.....	.....	.....	8.26	328.16
8. Mount Pleasant	.....	6.00	.....	46.36	6.78	.....	.....	59.14	484.69
9. Pleasant Hill	56.53	.....	.....	30.12	25.00	18.47	.....	130.12	1136.94
10. Pleasant Home	.....	.....	.....	10.00	16.00	.....	.....	26.00	179.70
11. Poplar Springs	.....	.....	.....	7.65	.....	.....	.....	7.65	156.80
12. Rock Creek	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	64.86
13. Shoaly Branch	.....	.....	.....	6.84	5.37	.....	.....	12.21	124.71
14. White Plains	.....	.....	.....	.....	5.00	.....	.....	5.00	108.02

Elkin Valley—Church has general B. T. U.; Adult Unions 1; Senior Unions 1; Intermediate Unions 1; Junior Unions 2; Adults enrolled 15; Seniors 10; Intermediates 25; Juniors 30; Daily Bible Readers 51; Systematic givers 50. W. M. U. Work: Number Societies 1; members enrolled 20; Enrolled in Mission study 14; Gifts for local expenses of church $31.12; Missions $19.16.

MINUTES

OF THE

SIXTIETH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

ELKIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

NORTH CAROLINA

CONVENED WITH

ELKIN VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH

Sept. 30, Oct. 1 and 2, 1938

D. W. DAY, Moderator ..... Elkin, N. C.

QUINCY CHEEK, Clerk ..... Roaring River, N. C.

The next session will be held with White Plains Baptist Church, located 1 mile Northeast of Roaring River, beginning on Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1939.

PROCEEDINGS

of the

SIXTIETH ANNUAL SESSION

of the

ELKIN MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Meeting With Elkin Valley Baptist Church

Sept. 30th and Oct. 1st and 2nd, 1938

FRIDAY MORNING

Devotional conducted by Rev. J. L. Powers, reading 1st and 23rd Psalm. Prayer by Rev. E. G. Jordan.

Moderator called Association to order. Extended an invitation to visitors and the following accepted seats: Rev. Grant Cothren and Bro. H. V. Hix, of Stone Mountain Association.

Church letters called for and the following were handed in, read, and messengers seated:

BESSIE'S CHAPEL—Marvin Brown, A. C. Walls, K. W. Steele.

CENTER—Not represented.

COOL SPRINGS—M. L. Pettyjohn, R. L. Walls, Mrs. Mable Newman.

ELKIN VALLEY—H. D. Woodruff, W. J. Harmon, E. G. Jordan, Hugh Couch.

EAST ELKIN—L. J. Pardue.

LITTLE ELKIN—M. H. Walls.

MACEDONIA—C. A. Burchette, T. L. Byrd, Ernest Edwards.

MOUNT PLEASANT—S. P. Combs, Mrs. Kate Dickerson, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Walters.

PLEASANT HILL—Vermelle Money, Irene Day.

PLEASANT HOME—J. W. Cheek, Quincy Cheek, W. G. Burcham.

POPLAR SPRINGS—J. W. Gentry, D. E. Cockerham.

ROCK CREEK—J. A. Sebastian, Lester Johnson.

SHOALY BRANCH—H. F. Tulbert, J. A. Darnell.

WHITE PLAINS—E. C. Alexander, P. S. Alexander, Finnie Anthony, Paul Byrd, W. M. Sparks.

On motion we elect Moderator and Clerk by acclamation, and elected D. W. Day Moderator and Quincy Cheek, Clerk.

On motion we have introductory sermon at this time, by Rev. R. E. Adams. Text, Ephesians 2:8 verse, "By grace are ye saved through faith."

On motion M. L. Pettyjohn was elected Vice-Moderator.

On motion adjourn until 1:30.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Association reassembled.

Song 190, "The Kingdom Is Coming."

Devotional conducted by Rev. Grant Cothren, reading 116th Psalm and commenting. Prayer by Rev. H. V. Hix.

Moderator called Association to order.

Invitation extended to visitors. Bro. F. W. Royal, of Alleghany Association, accepted seat.

Finance Committee appointed — Marvin Brown, J. W. Gentry, T. L. Byrd.

REPORT ON STATE OF CHURCHES

The Church is the greatest organization on earth. Christ said, "Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy." To be a Christian means to be Christ-like and it was his custom to attend worship in the synagogue on the Sabbath day. We can magnify the churches of Christ by the life we live as members. Every member has it in his or her power to mar or exalt the church.

We recommend that our members who wish to take pleasure trips would include them in programs of the six days allotted to them and attend church on the Sabbath day and "keep it Holy."

Respectfully submitted,

H. F. TULBERT.

Remarks by Rev. R. E. Adams.

Report adopted.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE

The Baptist Orphanage is one of the greatest, if not the greatest, institutions that the Baptists support. Therefore we recommend that the pastors urge their churches to cooperate more freely in helping to raise funds for this cause. At present the main support is through the once-a-month offering from the Sunday School.

Some of our churches have adopted the Birthday Offering for the Sunday School, which is: that each member having a Birthday during the week put a penny for each year of their age in the Birthday Offering on Sunday.

We should also recommend that each church in our Association take a special Thanksgiving Offering. If we all can not give money, surely we have something that we can give these little children. We are commanded to be doers of his word and if we will remember that "Pure religion and undefiled before God the Father is this: To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction and to keep ourselves unspotted from the world." Why not visit this institution? As pastors, churches and Sunday Schools we should know more about the great work they are doing.

Our Baptist Orphanage operates two homes: the Mills Home at Thomasville and the Kennedy Home at Kinston. This institution is more than 53 years old, having received the first child on November 11, 1885, and since that time has rendered aid to more than four thousand needy children.

Let us wake up to our responsibility and do more for this institution than we have been doing in the past.

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. POWERS, Committee.

Remarks by Revs. J. L. Powers, H. V. Hix, R. E. Adams, Lester Johnson, C. C. McKoin, Brethren H. D. Woodruff, C. A. Burchette, M. L. Pettyjohn.

Report adopted.

Committee on Committees—H. F. Tulbert, M. H. Walls, Vermelle Money.

Visitors Seated—Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Fender, from Alleghany Association; C. C. McKoin, representing Baptist Orphanage.

On motion, this Association empower H. D. Woodruff to appoint as many people as he wants to help solicit funds for Orphanage.

REPORT ON PASTOR AND CHURCH RELATIONS

The relation between pastor and the church is almost the same as with the shepherd and his flock. He, if a true pastor, will strive to the upbuilding of his church spiritually and otherwise, ever looking and working for the church's best interest, watching over the flock and feeding them on the word of God. The pastor should see to it that his members are given work. We are workers together and the church is a body of baptised believers in the Lord Jesus Christ, set apart for work. The church should co-operate with the pastor in carrying on the work of the Kingdom of God and upbuild the church and the

church should stand by the pastor and pray for him and help to support him so he will be able to give his time to the work, to visit his members, praying with them, instructing them in regard to Christian duties and responsibilities of the church, for we are all one body in Christ Jesus and members one of another. The members of the church should be present at each meeting; they should be ready to inform the pastor of any of the churches needs, visit the sick, those who need help and see that the church is provided for in this respect.

M. L. PETTYJOHN, Committee.

Remarks by M. L. Pettyjohn, Paul Byrd, Rev. Grant Cothren. Report adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

We, your Nominating Committee, report as follows:
Missions—Mrs. Robert Transou, Elkin, N. C.
Periodicals—Mrs. J. J. Myers, Elkin, N. C.
Baptist Hospital—Mr. C. A. Burchette, Ronda, N. C.
Orphanage—Mr. W. H. Combs, State Road, N. C.
Old Ministers' Relief—Mr. William Gentry, State Road, N. C.
Christian Education—Mr. Martin Luffman, Ronda, N. C.
Temperance—Mr. Marvin Brown, Elkin, N. C.
Pastor and Church Relations—Mr. E. M. Elledge, Elkin, N. C.
Resolutions—Mr. J. B. Edwards, Roaring River, N. C.
State of Churches—Rev. I. W. Vestal, Jonesville, N. C.
Sunday School—Vermelle Money, Elkin, N. C.

H. F. TULBERT,
M. H. WALLS,
VERMELLE MONEY, Committee.

Adopted.

Committee on Religious Exercises report: Rev E. G. Jordan conduct devotion, Rev. H. V. Hix preach tonight at 7:30 o'clock.

7:30 P. M. Song 108, "Bringing in the Sheaves." Devotional by Rev. E. G. Jordan, reading Isaiah 55:1-13. Rev. H. V. Hix, text, Phillipians 1:15-18.

SATURDAY MORNING

Song 156, "Glory to His Name." Devotional by Rev. J. L. Powers, reading Acts 1:15-18. Prayer by Rev. C. C. McKoin.

Moderator called Association to order.

On motion Association empowers Moderator to appoint officers for Elkin Association Sunday School Convention.

Visitors Seated—Rev. Grady Burgiss, Surry Association.

Appointed Committee on Resolutions—Loyd Pardue, E. F. Edwards, Grover Tharpe.

Temperance—Rev. Grady Burgiss, Rev. Lester Johnson.

Time, Place and Preacher—H. D. Woodruff, Carl DeBorde, J. A. Darnell.

REPORT ON BAPTIST HOSPITAL

The Baptist Hospital of Winston-Salem, N. C., is one of the greatest institutions in the State of North Carolina.

The year ending June 30, 1938, found the progress of this hospital rapidly increasing, both in effort and spiritual enthusiasm.

This hospital has a staff of 70 medical and surgical doctors, a specialist for every case. There are 91 nurses, besides an adequate number of special graduate nurses.

The number of patients admitted are increasing every year, the churches are contributing to its support in a whole-hearted way. On September the first, 1938, over 41,000 patients had entered this hospital since it was established May 28, 1923. There is an average of 346 admitted each month. During the past year there were 4,150 patients admitted and over 2,000 turned away for lack of room. This should stir the heart of every Christian to give liberally to its support. "It is more blessed to give than to receive." The Baptist Hospital exercises an unselfish spirit, in its service of opening wide its doors to every hospital case of God's sick and suffering humanity. In both his ministry, and that of the apostles with other scriptural teachings, the bodily healing of the sick occupied a large place in the ministry of Jesus. The Baptist Hospital last year very vitally touched the lives of 20,000 fathers, mothers, brothers and sisters, of more than 4,000 patients treated. More than 1,000 mothers returned to their homes to gladden the hearts of more than 3,000 children. The need for more room and equipment has become a serious problem.

The superintendent states that they are not now able to take much more than one-half of the patients applying.

Respectfully submitted,
E. G. JORDAN,
SMITH HAGGAMAN, Committee.

Remarks by Smith Haggaman, R. E. Adams, Grady Burgiss, E. G. Jordan. Report adopted.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

We submit the fact, that education begins with the infant, whether it be Christian or non-Christian.

Christian education means the fitting of one's self for greater use here on earth.

We recommend that we Baptist people intercede with God for our children that they get Christian education through parents at home,

our free schools, Sunday Schools, Churches, our Baptist schools and colleges.

Therefore we urge that we boost Christian education in each of the places above named.

Respectfully submitted,
JOHN Q. BURCHAM, Committee.

Remarks by J. A. McKoin, J. L. Powers. Report adopted. Adjourned until 1:30 P. M.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Opening exercises by Rev. Lester Johnson, reading Romans, 12th chapter. Prayer by Rev. R. E. Adams.

REPORT ON AGED MINISTERS' RELIEF

Realizing how poorly many of our pastors are being paid for the great work they are engaged in and the certainty of old age, every Southern Baptist should be interested in the Aged Ministers' Relief.

For several years the several states in the south tried to carry on this work themselves, but with no paid secretary and some busy pastor to look after their work their efforts were not as successful as they wished. So about twenty years ago they agreed to turn the work over to the Southern Baptist Convention. This body appointed the Relief Board and located it at Dallas, Texas.

Its objects may be stated briefly in the language of its general secretary, "To minister to ministers," to all ministers who are worthy and needy and as far as possible to help relieve their wants.

There are two plans by which ministers of this class may obtain aid. One is by direct relief and the other is by an annuity plan which is a form of insurance which involves the co-operation of its beneficiaries.

The Annuity Board has a small, simple plan by which each church member can help our aged ministers of the gospel. This plan, if all the church members would co-operate with their pastor, would enable the pastor to receive a monthly income after old age makes it necessary for him to retire from the great work he has been carrying on.

This plan is known as the Age Security Plan. This is obtained by the minister paying three per cent of his salary and the church paying three per cent of the salary they pay to him into the Age Security Treasury.

This action on the part of the church will solve the problem of old age dependency among ministers; it will insure a more worthy support than has ever been given through the relief department and for those whose years of serving the Lord as ministers are not behind them it will provide an adequate support in their old age. Churches should remember that an annuity for an aged retired minister is not to be thought of as their gift in order that he can have an easier life, but rather is to pay him the promised part due him as their obligation to

him for putting in his life for a mere "support." The aged retired minister is the church's graduated leader, not its pauper dependant.

REV. LESTER JOHNSON, Committee.

Report adopted.

REPORT ON MISSIONS

Hundreds of years ago, when the world was in darkness, the world being in a sad condition, God so loved the world that He sent His only Son into this world on a mission, and that mission was to save all that would accept Him as their Savior. Jesus called men to be his disciples and these were sent out on a mission, and that mission was the salvation of souls. Paul was a traveling missionary. He preached in different countries and his great theme was the salvation of souls, and the extension of Christ's kingdom. If we have the spirit of Christ we have the mission spirit, ever ready and willing to help lift up fallen humanity, and to tell others of the goodness of God. "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," is the command. We advise our churches to lend a helping hand in the great work of sending the gospel to those that are in darkness, both by their prayers and financial aid, for the Bible tells us that "he that knoweth to do good and doeth it not, to him it is a sin."

I. W. VESTAL, Committee.

Remarks by R. E. Adams, J. A. McKoin.
Report adopted.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS

Literature is not only being read by the older people of today but by the young as well. The kind of literature that is placed in the homes and churches by the older people is the literature the young people of today read. There are two good religious Baptist papers in our State today, the Biblical Recorder and Charity and Children. As a committee may we say that the best thing to read that has ever been compiled is the Bible, which should be the text book of every Sunday School and in every home. We believe that the church as a whole should read and study it more prayerfully than they do. These other papers are clean and wholesome and very helpful; they help to educate us spiritually. We trust all the churches in the Association will use and study Baptist literature in every organization of the church.

Committee.

Remarks by Revs. R. E. Adams, Eph Whisenhunt.
Report adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

Throughout all ages strong drink has been a problem and a cause of untold sufferings and evils, and despite the repeated and direct

rebukes and condemnations from God for this evil it has continued until this day, and seems to increase rather than decrease.

Since the repeal of national prohibition with its attendant increase in the sale and use of intoxicants, arrests and imprisonments have increased from 100% to 500% in most communities where it is sold and used. At a recent term of court in Surry County 23 out of 42 cases disposed of were for driving while drunk, and our prison camps and road gangs are being filled with young men who have, many of them, testified that they did not intend to commit the crimes of larceny, robbery and others they were charged with but committed them while on a drunken spree with their fellows.

There are at this time 28 children in our orphanage at Thomasville whose mothers were shot to death in this State by intoxicated fathers, while countless other homes have been wrecked in this our day by this curse.

Therefore it behooves each of us as Christians to do our utmost in supressing this evil by abstaining from any use or the assistance in the use of it, by giving our voice and exerting our greatest possible influence against it, and by openly supporting our officers who are charged with the solemn duty of enforcing the laws of our land, and by charging them as individuals with this duty of theirs.

Until we have done all that we can to suppress this evil, we as individual Christians shall have laid at our doors the charge of aiding, or at least allowing this condition to exist.

Respectfully submitted,

GRADY BURGISS,
LESTER JOHNSON,
Committee.

Remarks by Rev. Grady Burgiss.
Report adopted.

REPORT ON FINANCE

Amount Received from Churches:

For Minute Funds	$51.47
For Old Ministers' Relief (Macedonia Church)	.50
Total	$51.97

MARVIN BROWN,
J. W. GENTRY,
T. L. BYRD, Committee.

ELKIN ASSOCIATION SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFICERS

Superintendent—G. M. Walters.
Associate Superintendent—W. H. Combs.
Secretary—Lula Johnson.
Adult Leader—Prof. E. R. Settle.
Young People Leader—Vermelle Money.
Intermediate Leader—Mrs. Paul Newman.
Junior Leader—Mrs. Robert Transou.
Primary Leader—Mrs. Bill Walters.
Beginner Leader—Mrs. R. C. Harris.
Cradle Roll Leader—Mrs. Odell Couch.
Song Leader—J. B. Mitchell.
Pianist—Bernice Wellborn.
Evangelistic Leader—Rev. E. G. Jordan.
Vacation Bible School Teacher—Mrs. E. Ruth Settle.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

The mission of the Sunday School is to teach the gospel in simple form. First every effort should be made to get people to come to church. Next see that they are entertained in such a way as to create a desire to come back. Extreme care should be used in selecting officers and teachers. A Sunday School will go as far as its leaders will lead it. These should be men and women of noble character, filled with the spirit and know God. It is well said that a teacher teaches no louder than he or she lives and words not "seasoned with grace" soon "become as sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal." Plain, simple truths implanted in the minds of children make lasting impression. Many souls have been brought to Christ through this organization. Many a life has been moulded and made through the Sunday School. In the Southern Baptist Denomination during the first six months of this year 1,005 new Sunday Schools were reported organized. Although every church in our Association has a Sunday School, they are not reaching their possibilities. Each church should try to win every one in reach of it to Sunday School. The Sunday School is a great help to the church. It helps to carry on the financial part of the church. It helps to enlarge the church membership. Church attendance is made up of mostly Sunday School members. Each Sunday School should be a mission Sunday School with God as their helper and with the guidance of the Holy Spirit each Sunday School should prosper.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. PAUL NEWMAN, Committee.

TIME, PLACE AND PREACHER

We, your Committee, wish to report that the next session of the Elkin Association to be held with White Plains Baptist Church, located 1 mile Northeast of Roaring River, beginning on Friday before

the first Sunday in October, 1939, at 10:00 A. M. We recommend that Rev. Loyd Pardue preach the introductory sermon; Rev. Lester Johnson, alternate.

H. D. WOODRUFF,
J. A. DARNELL,
CARL DeBORDE, Committee.

RESOLUTIONS

Inasmuch as it has pleased God to bless and preserve us through another year, be it RESOLVED:

(1) That we return our sincere and heartfelt thanks to God for his blessings.

(2) That we try to do more for the Kingdom work and to please him better next year, and that we try to make our church a better place to go and that we do our best for God.

(3) That we try to hold up Christ before the world that he will draw all men unto him, that we never get carried away with form and fashion, but will always have the Spirit of God to lead us.

(4) That we thank the people of Elkin Valley for their kindness and hospitality during these days we have been here with them.

LOYD PARDUE, Committee.

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS

James S. Bryant	Roaring River
M. F. Barker	R. 1, Roaring River
C. C. Cockerham	R. 1, Roaring River
Richard Day	Benham
Lester Johnson	Hays
J. H. Luffman	Ronda
E. G. Jordan	Elkin
Levi McCann	Roaring River
Loyd Pardue	Elkin
Tom Shew	North Wilkesboro
John Weatherman	State Road

OUR DEPARTED ONES

BESSIE'S CHAPEL—
Mr. George Hardy

COOL SPRINGS—
Mrs. Nancy Gambill
Miss Bessie Collins

ELKIN VALLEY—
Mrs. Ollie Lawrence
Miss Julia Golden

PLEASANT HILL—
Mr. Jones Darnell
Mr. Walter Burcham
Mr. Charlie Transou

POPLAR SPRINGS—
Rev. E. F. Hinson
Deacon D. E. Hinson

ROCK CREEK—
Mrs. Alice Brewer
Mr. John Baldwin
Mr. Wiley Combs

SHOALY BRANCH—
Mrs. J. B. Pardue

WHITE PLAINS—
Deacon A. E. Sparks
Mrs. Jane Alexander
Mrs. Tom Combs

TABLE I—Church Membership, Etc., Elkin Baptist Association Year Ending Sept. 30, 1938

CHURCHES	Is it in Village, Town City or Country?	When Constituted	Pastors and Postoffices	Days of Meeting	Members Reported Last Year	GAINS				LOSSES				Total Pres. Members	Weekly Prayer Meet.	Revivals During Yr.	Obs. Lord's Supper	Rec. State Bap. Paper
						Baptisms	Letters	Statements	Restorations	Letters	Exclusions	Erasures	Deaths					
Bessie's Chapel	C	1934	Rev. E. G. Jordan, Elkin	4	23	5	1						1	29		1	1	
Center	C	1839																
Cool Springs	C	1805	Rev. I. W. Vestal, Jonesville	2	223	19	3	1		2	1		2	241	yes	2	1	
East Elkin	T	1921	Rev. J. L. Powers, Elkin	1 & 3	177	20	12	1		8			1	201	yes	1	1	
Elkin Valley	C	1881	Rev. E. R. Adams, Mayodan	1 & 3	328	22	9			11		1	2	345	yes	2	1	3
Little Elkin	C	1905	Rev. John H. Luffman, Ronda	4	167	20	2	3	1	10			1	182	yes	1	1	1
Macedonia	C	1876	Rev. I. W. Vestal, Jonesville	1 & 3	186	4	2			2				188	no	1	1	
Mt. Pleasant	C	1887	Rev. B. F. Peeler, Taylorsville	1 & 3	128	15	8	2		4			1	146	yes	2	2	5
Pleasant Hill	V	1897	Rev. I. W. Vestal, Jonesville	3 & 4	370	36	26	1	1	7	1		3	423	yes	2	1	1
Pleasant Home	C	1878	Rev. Grant Cothran, Traphill	4	187	2				2				187	no	1	1	2
Poplar Springs	C	1885	Rev. E. G. Jordan, Elkin	3	120					6			2	112	no	1	1	1
Rock Creek	C	1849	Rev. A. B. Hays, Hays	2	329	7	5			3	2	1	3	332	yes	1	1	
Shoaly Branch	C	1884	Rev. A. B. Hays, Hays	4	147	5	6			6			1	151	no	1	1	
White Plains	C		Rev. Loyd Pardue, Elkin	3	141	1	6	1		1			3	145	no	1	1	

TABLE II—Sunday Schools of Elkin Association, Year Ending Sept. 30, 1938

CHURCHES	Superintendents and Postoffices	Cradle Roll, under 3	Beginners, 3 to 5	Primaries, 6 to 8	Juniors, 9 to 12	Intermediates, 13 to 16	Young People, 17 to 24	Adults, 25 up	Departmental Officers	Total Enrollment, Officers, Teachers, Pupils	Average Attendance	Baptisms from S. S.	Is the School Graded?	Is it Standard A-1?
Bessie's Chapel	B. T. Southard, Elkin	....	10	....	9	....	15	15	6	55	50	....	no	.....
Center		....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....
Cool Springs	R. C. Harris, Elkin	11	....	38	65	....	46	89	....	249	....	19	....	.....
East Elkin	G. T. Gamble, Elkin	25	22	20	11	33	47	....	10	158	80	....	yes	no
Elkin Valley	George Walters, Elkin	....	....	62	69	40	81	118	11	370	218	....	....	.....
Little Elkin	Colon E. Walls, Ronda	....	30	....	32	....	30	30	6	122	65	20	....	.....
Macedonia	C. A. Burchette, Ronda	....	26	....	15	....	27	18	6	92	36	4	....	.....
Mt. Pleasant	W. H. Combs, State Road	....	25	....	22	25	53	52	8	177	85	10	....	.....
Pleasant Hill	D. W. Day, Elkin	72	22	66	77	50	85	149	16	521	257	....	yes	no
Pleasant Home	James McCann, Roaring River	....	21	9	19	....	38	21	8	116	62	2	....	.....
Poplar Springs	J. Z. Weatherman, State Road	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	6	120	....	....	....	.....
Rock Creek	G. M. Alexander, N. Wilkesboro	....	10	10	21	22	25	30	7	113	82	7	....	.....
Shoaly Branch	H. F. Tulbert, Elkin	3	6	....	13	9	24	....	7	71	....	....	....	.....
White Plains	Denver Holcomb, Traphill	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	7	61	39	....	....	.....

TABLE III—Church Property of Elkin Baptist Association, Year Ending September 30, 1938

CHURCHES	CHURCH CLERKS AND POST OFFICES	Does Church Own its House of Worship?	When Was It Built?	Materials Used	Persons Seated	Number of Rooms	Separate Class Rooms	Value of Church House and Grounds	Total Value All Church Property	Indebtedness on All Church Property	Insurance Carried
Bessie's Chapel	Marvin Brown, Elkin	yes	1934	wood	500	3		$2500.00		$2500.00	$ 150.00
Center	P. A. Caudill, Thurmond	yes		wood	300	1		1000.00			
Cool Springs	M. L. Pettyjohn, Elkin	yes	1805	wood	700	7					
East Elkin	C. W. Haynes, Elkin	yes	1921	wood	300	6	6	3000.00	3500.00	65.00	
Elkin Valley	M. H. Royal, Elkin	yes	1914	wood	500	8	7	3500.00	3500.00		1000.00
Little Elkin	J. B. Luffman, Ronda	yes	1905	wood	300	1		2000.00	2000.00		
Macedonia	C. R. Byrd, Ronda	yes	1898	wood	400	1		2500.00	2500.00	21.47	
Mt. Pleasant	W. H. Combs, State Road	yes	1905	wood	400	8	7	3000.00	3000.00		
Pleasant Hill	Vermelle Money, Elkin	yes	1903	wood	500	5	4	4000.00	4000.00		
Pleasant Home	J. W. Cheek, Roaring River	yes	1900	wood	500	1	1	2500.00	2500.00		
Poplar Springs	J. W. Gentry, State Road	yes	1887	wood	300	1	1	1000.00	1000.00		
Rock Creek	A. C. Brewer, N. Wilkesboro	yes		wood	300	1		1000.00	1000.00		
Shoaly Branch	H. F. Tulbert, Elkin	yes	1893	wood	350	1		1000.00	1000.00		
White Plains	F. Anthony, Roaring River				300	1		2000.00	2000.00		

TABLE IV—Gifts for Local Church Work of Elkin Baptist Association, Year Ending September 30, 1938

CHURCHES	REGULAR TREASURERS AND POST OFFICES	Pastor's Salary	Other Salaries	Ministerial Help and Supply	Building and Repairs	Church Debt and Interest	Incidentals	Literature for S. S., B. Y. P. U. & W. M. S	Help Given to Local Poor	Printing Minutes and Clerk of Association	Other Objects	(Local Work) Total For Local Purposes Given by Church and All Its Organizations	Pledged to Co-operative Program
Bessie's Chapel	B. T. Southard, Elkin	$ 72.33		$ 11.50			$ 65.00	$ 23.65		$2.10		$ 174.58	
Center	P. A. Caudill, Thurmond												
Cool Springs	O. P. Holbrook, Elkin	84.71		88.72	750.00		22.00	25.25		2.87		993.55	
East Elkin	G. W. Creed, Elkin	275.75		337.45			275.72	33.72	$ 7.15			929.27	$500.00
Elkin Valley	H. D. Woodruff, Elkin	460.96	$61.09		48.40	$105.00	143.61	119.29	23.50	7.00	$ 7.00	975.85	500.00
Little Elkin	Colon E. Walls, Ronda	100.00		16.95			17.47	20.00		5.00		159.35	5.00
Macedonia	C. A. Burchette, Ronda	95.01		38.47		53.53	13.00	21.24		3.75		200.25	500.00
Mt. Pleasant	T. A. Gentry, State Road	428.51		60.66	48.71		71.52	53.21	3.89	2.00	82.75	751.25	500.00
Pleasant Hill	E. F. Yarbor, Elkin	483.92		328.51			100.70	119.21	215.52	6.00	121.95	1375.81	
Pleasant Home	W. G. Burcham, Roaring River	70.00		15.00			22.50	15.00		3.50		126.00	
Poplar Springs	D. E. Cockerham, State Road	80.00		28.15	400.75		10.00	22.00	12.50	3.50		631.15	
Rock Creek		60.00		11.30			7.00			5.30	8.00	91.60	
Shoaly Branch	W. F. Gilliam, Benham	75.00		25.00	75.00		12.00			4.20		191.20	50.00
White Plains	John E. Parks, Roaring River	50.00		50.00			11.00	8.00		3.30		122.30	

TABLE V—Gifts for Missions, Education, Benevolences, Elkin Association, Year Ending Sept. 30, 1938

CHURCHES	REGULAR TREASURERS AND POST OFFICES	Total to Co-operative Program	Special to State Missions	Special to Home Missions	Special to Foreign Missions	Special to Orphanage	Special to Hospitals	Special to Old Ministers' Relief	Other Special Gifts	(Missions, Etc.) Total for Missions & Benev. by Church & all Depts.	Grand Total For All Purposes—Both Local Work & Missions—Given by Ch. & All Org.
Bessie's Chapel	B. T. Southard, Elkin					$ 17.52	$ 5.05			$ 22.57	$ 197.15
Center	P. A. Caudill, Thurmond										
Cool Springs	O. P. Holbrook, Elkin					7.40	13.10	7.40		27.90	1021.45
East Elkin	G. W. Creed, Elkin				5.77	10.00	7.00			22.77	952.04
Elkin Valley	H. D. Woodruff, Elkin	$140.77		$84.00	47.82	202.07	25.77			520.43	1496.28
Little Elkin	Colon E. Walls, Ronda					1.00	1.50				161.85
Macedonia	C. A. Burchette, Ronda							2.00		2.00	206.27
Mt. Pleasant	T. A. Gentry, State Road					12.31	8.81			21.12	772.37
Pleasant Hill	E. F. Yarbor, Elkin		$15.85	10.80	20.00	50.10	50.00	41.35	12.00	200.10	1575.91
Pleasant Home	W. G. Burcham, Roaring River						5.70		1.00	6.70	132.70
Poplar Springs	D. E. Cockerham, State Road					10.00	2.00			12.00	643.15
Rock Creek		6.00				18.50				24.50	116.10
Shoaly Branch	W. F. Gilliam, Benham					3.34	2.95			6.29	197.49
White Plains	John E. Parks, Roaring River					5.00					127.30

MINUTES

OF THE

SIXTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

ELKIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

NORTH CAROLINA

CONVENED WITH

WHITE PLAINS BAPTIST CHURCH

Sept. 29-30, Oct. 1, 1939

D. W. DAY, Moderator ..... Elkin, N. C.

J. W. CHEEK, Clerk ..... Roaring River, N. C.

The next session will be held with Macedonia Baptist Church, located 2½ miles North of Ronda, N. C., beginning on Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1940.

PROCEEDINGS

of the

SIXTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION

of the

ELKIN MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Meeting With White Plains Baptist Church
Sept. 29-30 and Oct. 1st, 1939

Devotional singing by Association and prayer by Bro. Bradley Mathis.

Moderator called Association to order. Extended invitation to visitors. The following responded: Rev. Reid Harris from Montgomery Association, Rev. John Burcham from Stone Mountain Association, Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Pipes, Buncombe Association, representing Biblical Recorder.

On motion, elect Associational officers by acclamation and elected David W. Day, Moderator; M. L. Pettyjohn, Vice-Moderator; J. W. Cheek, Clerk.

Church letters called for and the following were handed in, read and messengers seated:

BESSIE'S CHAPEL—Marvin Brown, O. C. Nance, Elmer Cockerham, K. W. Steele.

CENTER—C. L. Johnson, J. O. Johnson.

COOL SPRINGS—E. Pettyjohn, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Harris, Mrs. Paul Newman, Glenn Bowers.

ELKIN VALLEY—H. D. Woodruff, Roy Johnson.

EAST ELKIN—E. M. Eldridge, M. R. Mastin, Rev. Lloyd Pardue.

LITTLE ELKIN—C. E. Walls.

MACEDONIA—C. A. Burchette, J. K. Tharpe, J. N. Burchette, Nellie Tharpe.

MT. PLEASANT—E. L. Golden, J. W. Brookshire, Mrs. J. W. Brookshire, Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Lewis.

PLEASANT HILL—Vermelle Money, Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Carter, Arthur Collins, Mrs. Ada Coutch.

PLEASANT HOME—Carmel Gentry, Quincy Cheek, J. W. Cheek.

POPLAR SPRINGS—
ROCK CREEK—J. A. Sebastian, Rev. Lester Johnson.
SHOALY BRANCH—
WHITE PLAINS—Pegram Alexander, Paul Byrd, W. M. Sparks, J. E. Sparks.

On motion we have introductory sermon at this time.

Songs, "Bringing in the Sheaves," "Promised Land."

Sermon by Rev. Lloyd Pardue. Reading 1st Peter 1, 12 to 25. Text, 1st Corinthians, 15:58.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS

On January 1, 1939, the Baptist State Convention assumed ownership of the **Biblical Recorder.** For more than a hundred years now the **Recorder** has sought to advance every Baptist cause and institution. The remarkable progress of Baptist growth and work in North Carolina is due in no small measure to the fact that Baptist people have been informed through the columns of the Recorder. Surely, under Convention ownership this will continue and, if possible, to a greater degree.

The present circulation of the **Recorder** is between twelve and thirteen thousand; and of this number about 3,000 are individual subscribers on the $2.00 individual rate, while about 9,000 are members of Recorder clubs in our churches at the $1.50 rate.

An intensive effort has been made and will be made to increase the circulation. It is hoped that there will be appointed and elected a leading man or woman in **every association** who will be Recorder representative; and in **every** church a Recorder representative whose duty it will be, along with the pastor, to form a Recorder club in the church. At present there are more than five hundred clubs. This is encouraging until one pauses to reflect that there are about 1,900 churches with no Recorder clubs at all.

Again, it appears that there are about 90,000 Baptist families in the State who never see the **Recorder** as against about 10,000 who do. Surely we need to change this situation. If, however, it is changed there must be the closest co-operation between the Convention and the churches. It is earnestly requested that every association in the State that has not done so will at the fall meeting of 1939 elect an associational Recorder representative, and that this Recorder representative will co-operate with the office in Raleigh in securing the best man or woman in each of the churches as Recorder representative. In turn, this Recorder representative will undertake to build up a club of subscribers in each church.

In the meantime, Baptist people over the State may rest assured that every effort will be made to improve the quality of the paper to

the end that the cause of Christ may be better served and that the challenge of every Baptist cause and institution shall be presented.

We, your committee, recommend that a Recorder representative be elected by the Association, whose duty it will be to endeavor to get the best man or woman available in each church elected as Recorder representative in the church. This representative in the church will endeavor to form a Recorder club in his or her church. The Recorder office will furnish this representative with sample copies and other material necessary for acquainting the membership with our paper and for securing subscriptions in clubs to the Recorder.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. J. J. MYERS.

Remarks by Rev. J. C. Pipes. Report adopted.

Committees appointed:

Finance Committee—H. D. Woodruff, Dallas Carter.

Religious Exercises—Pastor and delegates of White Plains church.

Adjourn until 2:00 P. M.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Association reassembled. Songs, "My Name Is in the Book of Life," "I Know My Name Is Written There," "I Am Moving Up Home Some Day." Devotional by Rev. Reid Harris, reading Matthew 28:18-19-20 and leading in prayer.

Visitor, Rev. J. M. Hayes, representing Meredith College.

REPORT ON PASTOR AND CHURCH RELATIONS

The relation between the pastor and the church is very much like unto the shepherd and his flock. Its progress and growth depends largely on his utmost efforts to make it grow. A tender plant without sunshine and rain and watch care of the gardener will soon wither and die; just so will the church weaken in power and influence unless he feeds it on wholesome spiritual food throughout the Bible. The good shepherd careth for His sheep. He calleth them by name and they know His voice. He feeds them from green pastures of the word of God and thrives himself as he watches his flock grow from grace unto grace in the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. In as much as he imparts to his church spiritual things, think it not an unworthy cause to impart to him your temporal things. God loveth a cheerful giver.

E. M. ELDRIDGE, Committee.

Remarks by Rev. I. W. Vestal, E. M. Eldridge. Report adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

Temperance is self-mastry. Paul says "Every man that striveth for the mastry is temperate in all things." Paul therefore believed and lived a temperate life, a good moral life.

Without temperance there is no such thing as good public morals. Therefore a Christian man or woman must necessarily be a person who is temperate in all things, for intemperance in thought, word or act leads to a low state of morals.

Intemperance in drink today is the cause directly or indirectly of practically all the crime committed in our country. It destroys a man's self respect, respect for religion, virtue, honesty, and all other things which are good. This is a great indictment against strong drink.

But there is another even greater, that is its influence is handed down to future generations and they are made to suffer and reap what their parents have sown. If a father is a drunkard it may be handed down to his son.

Public swimming pools, moving picture shows, dance halls, and obscene literature have a strong tendency to lead to a low standard of morals. In fact anything whatsoever that has power within itself to sow evil seed within the mind of a man and cause him to think evil thoughts is dangerous to public morals.

What is the remedy for intemperance? Religion, education and the proper law enforcement.

Respectfully submitted,

MARVIN BROWN.

Remarks by Marvin Brown and Rev. J. M. Hayes. Adopted.

REPORT ON MISSIONS

When Jesus gave the commission, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," He knew that no one individual would be able to go into all the world to make disciples of all nations. He planned that some should be special missionaries called to carry the gospel to all places, while others should win those at home and give money to send missionaries to special fields.

Though we are not called to the foreign fields of service, we can have the joyous task of sending our prayers and our money. Paul in the tenth chapter of Romans says, "How shall they preach except they be sent?" It is our duty as each Baptist to give a part of our offering to missions at least each quarter.

The Christian who consecrates his prayers and money to the missionary cause can have a part in all the work of all the missionaries, and can share in every phase of work promoted by Southern Baptists, in obedience to Jesus' great command. Such a sender becomes in truth a goer and has the satisfaction of knowing he is obeying the Great Commission.

MRS. ROBERT TRANSOU, Committee.

Remarks by Rev. J. C. Pipes. Report adopted.

Committees appointed:

Time, Place and Preacher—R. C. Harris, Paul Byrd, C. E. Walls.

Resolutions—M. L. Pettyjohn, I. W. Vestal, E. G. Jordan.

Nominating Committee—Mrs. Mabel Newman, Mrs. G. W. Creed, Mrs. C. S. Coutch.

Committee on Religious Exercises report Rev. Lester Johnson to preach tonight at 7:45 and Rev. John Burcham conduct devotional exercises tomorrow at 10 A. M. Adjourned.

EVENING SERVICE, 7:45

Singing by choir. Sermon by Rev. Lester Johnson. Subject, "Prayer." Text, Acts, 12:5.

SATURDAY MORNING

Association reassembled. Singing by choir.

Devotional by Rev. John Burcham, reading 2nd chapter Collossians and leading in prayer.

Visitors: Rev. N. T. Jarvis, of Brier Creek Association; Rev. W. T. Comer, of Alexander Association; Bro. C. E. McKoin, representing Orphanage; Smith Hagaman, representing Baptist Hospital.

REPORT ON OLD MINISTERS' RELIEF

Realizing how poorly many of our pastors are being paid for the great work they are engaged in, the certainty of old age, every member of every church in the Elkin Association should be interested in aged ministers' relief. They have obeyed the command of God to go and preach the gospel, have spent their best days in the service and I urge that this Association come to their relief through the churches and recommend that a special offering be taken in the churches at least twice annually for them. We should not neglect these aged servants of God who have given their lives to the cause of the gospel and for dying humanity and who are no longer able to work with their hands to support their bodies, but we who are younger should give out of our strength to help these worthy aged ones to live.

REV. JOHN BURCHAM.

Adopted.

On motion of the Association we defer the Old Ministers' Relief and Annuity Plan until next session of the Association.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE

According to our report, coming from the Baptist Orphanage, there are at present a waiting list of five hundred and fifty-six children where death and tragedy have left bereft of parents to support them.

Our orphanage is already crowded, and yet they wait, like one of old when there was "No room in the Inn."

We as the Elkin Baptist Association have contributed a bit of cash, and a few churches have filled one hundred dozen jars of canned goods; but is this enough?

Not until every church in the Association joins in this work and "Lay aside a portion of that with which God has blessed us" can we hope to respond to this mighty call. From beyond some mystic river a call comes to us, "As ye would that men should do to you (AND YOURS) do ye even so unto them."

So when we pray in this coming year and say, "God, will thou bless the widows and orphans," shall we not begin to help HIM answer our prayer?

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. R. C. HARRIS.

Remarks by C. C. McKoin. Report adopted.

On motion of Association Rev. Lester Johnson, of Hays, N. C., was elected Orphanage representative.

REPORT ON BAPTIST HOSPITAL

The North Carolina Baptist Hospital, located at Winston-Salem, N. C., was incorporated in 1922; received its first patient May 28, 1923. Its purpose is providing hospital treatment for the sick for the entire State, especially those who are not able to pay for hospital treatment. On March 6, 1939, 43,246 patients had entered the hospital for treatment since it was established, about 330 per month on an average of 103.5.

In 1938 the hospital gave 17,540 days of service for which it received nothing. In addition to this, 3,527 part pay days, or a grand total of $196,177.00. The hospital depends almost entirely on Mother's Day offerings by the churches and Sunday Schools to provide treatment for its large number of service cases.

The ministers of different churches visit the hospital daily. The doctors and nurses are active church workers. Morning worship is held daily. Prayer for the divine blessing for the sick and their loved ones at home.

Enlargement is needed for more beds. Equipment and other facilities are needed also. This is creating a serious problem and becoming most trying to those who are having to turn away so many who are seriously sick or injured. The hospital is not able now to take much more than one-half the patients applying. The entire Mother's Day

offering goes to provide treatment for those who are unable to pay unless the church contributing it designates otherwise.

Respectfully submitted,

C. A. BURCHETTE.

Remarks by Smith Hagaman. Report adopted.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Inasmuch as it has pleased God to bless and to keep us through another year, be it Resolved:

2. That we try to promote the kingdom work in a greater way during the coming year than ever before, by being loyal to our church and contributing freely to His cause.

3. That we prove to the world the reality of the religion of the Lord Jesus Christ. That He may draw all men unto Him. That we may endeavor to keep our churches spiritual, not being conformed to the world, but always having the spirit of God to lead us.

4. That we thank the people of White Plains for their kindness and hospitality during these days we have been here with them.

REV. E. G. JORDAN, Committee.

Committee on Religious Exercises report Rev. N. T. Jarvis to conduct devotional exercises this afternoon. Adjourn until 1:30.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Song, "My Faith Looks Up to Thee." Devotional by Rev. N. T. Jarvis, reading 2nd chapter of Titus. Prayer by Rev. W. T. Comer.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

Of all the organizations or institutions the Sunday School is one of the greatest. Therefore it should be attended by all. Every effort should be put forth by its leaders, officers and teachers to reach the possibilities in the community. If the teachers have the attitude they should have, they will not be satisfied until all are listed on their class roll that can possibly attend the Sunday School. After the members are enrolled they must be taught something that will be of interest and make them want to come every Sunday. The Bible should be the text book although literature and references are very good and helpful. A class will go as far as it is led. Every superintendent of the Sunday School should be a man that has a far reaching mnid, willing and ready to meet the needs as much as he can, of his congregation. He should put his sole trust in God and let the Holy Spirit be the leader and director. Every Sunday School should be under church control. This has proved successful in some of our churches. Today most of our church attenders are regular Sunday School members. We find that it is the leading financial aid. Even souls have been saved through the influence of the Sunday School.

The pastor of the church should know the Sunday School's membership as well as the churches. This gives him a greater field to work in. We trust that every school is a mission school. Great things can be accomplished if we will trust the Lord and do His will.

VERMELLE MONEY, Committee.

Remarks by Revs. Lloyd Pardue, N. T. Jarvis, W. T. Comer, John Burcham, Mrs. Paul Newman, Mrs. G. W. Creed. Report adopted.

On motion of Association, Clerk will act as Treasurer.

FINANCE REPORT

Amount received $50.00

ELKIN ASSOCIATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFICERS

Superintendent—G. M. Walters ..... Elkin, N. C.
Associate Superintendent—Oscar Gentry ..... Elkin, N. C.
Secretary—Lula Johnson ..... Elkin, N. C.
Adult Leader—Millard Royal ..... Elkin, N. C.
Young People Leader—Miss Vermelle Money ..... Elkin, N. C.
Intermediate Leader—Mrs. Paul Newman ..... Elkin, N. C.
Junior Leader—Mrs. Robert Transou ..... Elkin, N. C.
Primary Leader—Mrs. Bill Walters ..... State Road, N. C.
Beginners Leader—Mrs. R. C. Harris ..... Elkin, N. C.
Cradle Roll Leader—Mrs. Odell Couch ..... Elkin, N. C.
Song Leader—J. B. Mitchell ..... Elkin, N. C.
Pianist—Bernice Welborn ..... Elkin, N. C.
Evangelistic Leader—Rev. E. G. Jordan ..... Elkin, N. C.
Vacation Bible School Teacher—C. R. Byrd ..... Ronda, N. C.

Respectfully submitted,

VERMELLE MONEY, Committee.

REPORT ON TIME, PLACE AND PREACHER

We, the Committee on Time, Place and Preacher, wish to report that the next session of Elkin Baptist Association will be held with Macedonia Baptist Church, 2½ miles North of Ronda, N. C., beginning on Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1940.

We recommend that Rev. E. G. Jordan preach the introductory sermon; Rev. John F. Luffman, alternate.

R. C. HARRIS,
PAUL BYRD,
COLON E. WALLS, Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

We, your Nominating Committee, report as follows:
Missions—Vermelle Money.
Periodicals—Mr. R. C. Harris.
Baptist Hospital—Mr. E. M. Eldridge.

Orphanage—Lester Johnson.
Old Ministers' Relief—H. F. Tulbert.
Christian Education—Ernest Walls.
Temperance—Finny Anthony.
Pastor and Church Relations—Charley Byrd.
Resolutions—Lorene Tharp.
State of Churches—Dallas Carter.
Sunday Schools—Mrs. R. C. Harris.

MRS. PAUL NEWMAN,
MRS. G. W. CREED,
MRS. ED COUCH, Committee.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

1. Education required of the Israelites: "**And these words which I command thee this day, shall be upon thine heart, and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children.**" And we understand by this someone has to teach and we are thankful for our well informed teachers that we have today to teach our young people.

Permanent effects of education: "**Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it.**" So our young people of today are not apt to forget their training and so we as teachers ought to be very careful what we teach, because they will not depart from it nor forget their training. "**Correct thy son and he shall give thee rest.**" "**A child left to himself causes shame to his mother.**" This is one who does not have this Christian education. Jesus is the greatest teacher on Christian education, and early in the morning he came again into the temple, and all the people came unto him, and he sat down, and taught them. No amount of culture, refinement, education, socialism, or religious profession can change a man's nature. He must have a new birth, and I believe that all teachers must have this experience before they can teach Christian education.

J. MARTIN LUFFMAN, Committee.

STATE OF THE CHURCHES

Christ instituted the church, the greatest institution in the world. The subject of this discussion presents a deplorable thought. When we think of the condition of our churches today and the attitude they presented thirty years ago, we see quite a contrast. Thirty years ago the church was regarded as a select body and the house as a sacred place and we regarded it as a blessed privilege to attend its sacred worship. Today it is different. The church has become careless and indifferent, inclined to business and pleasure. May we pray that the churches come back to the old way of worship and have the spiritual power we once had.

I. W. VESTAL.

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS

James S. Bryant ..... Roaring River
C. C. Cockerham ..... Roaring River
David W. Day ..... Elkin
Richard Day ..... Elkin
Lester Johnson ..... Hays
J. H. Luffman ..... Ronda
E. G. Jordan ..... Elkin
Levi McCann ..... Roaring River
Lloyd Pardue ..... Elkin
Tom Shew ..... North Wilkesboro
John Weatherman ..... State Road

OUR DEPARTED ONES

COOL SPRINGS—
Mr. J. Manly Carter
Mr. Minton Holbrook
Mrs. Jeremiah Darnell

ELKIN VALLEY—
Mr. Frank Cooper
Mr. Richard Turner
Mr. J. B. Hudson

LITTLE ELKIN—
Mrs. Ada Money
Mrs. Julia Edison

MACEDONIA—
Deacon C. F. Stroud
Mrs. J. N. Burchette

PLEASANT HILL—
Mrs. T. E. Foote

PLEASANT HOME—
Mr. W. M. Jolly
Mrs. Lela Cockerham

POPLAR SPRINGS—
Mrs. Nancy Welborn

ROCK CREEK—
Mrs. Minnie Bauguess
Mr. J. H. Myers
Mr. Richard Sparks
Mr. I. S. Wiles
Deacon J. G. Johnson

WHITE PLAINS—
Mr. George Jordan

TABLE I—Church Membership, Etc., Elkin Association, Year Ending September 30, 1939

CHURCHES	Is it in Village, Town City or Country?	When Constituted	Pastors and Postoffices	Days of Meeting	Members Reported Last Year	GAINS				LOSSES				Total Present Members	Weekly Prayer Meet.	Revivals During Yr.	Obs. Lord's Supper	Rec. State Bap. Paper
						Baptisms	Letters	Statements	Restorations	Letters	Exclusions	Erasures	Deaths					
Bessie's Chapel	C.	1934	Rev. E. G. Jordan, Elkin	4	29	2	3	....	....	....	....	....	....	34	no	1	1	....
Center	C.	1839	Rev. Grant Cothren, Traphill	1	46	1	....	1	....	....	....	....	2	46	no	1	1	....
Cool Springs	C.	1805	Rev. I. W. Vestal, Jonesville	2	241	6	....	....	....	2	....	....	3	242	yes	2	1	....
East Elkin	T.	1921	Rev. J. L. Powers, Elkin	1 & 3	201	12	6	2	....	3	....	....	....	218	yes	2	1	....
Elkin Valley	C.	1881	Rev. R. E. Adams, Mayodan	1 & 3	345	10	10	....	1	2	....	2	3	359	yes	2	1	2
Little Elkin	C.	1905	Rev. J. H. Luffman, Rt. 1, Ronda	4	182	3	3	....	....	1	....	....	2	185	no	1	1	....
Macedonia	C.	1876	Rev. Lloyd Pardue, Elkin	1 & 3	188	7	....	....	....	3	....	....	2	190	yes	1	1	....
Mt. Pleasant	C.	1887	Rev. B. F. Peeler, Taylorsville	1 & 3	146	....	....	2	....	....	....	....	1	147	no	1	1	....
Pleasant Hill	V.	1897	Rev. I. W. Vestal, Jonesville	3 & 4	423	9	6	....	....	5	....	....	1	432	....	1	1	4
Pleasant Home	C.	1884	Rev. Grant Cothren, Traphill	2 & 4	187	5	1	....	....	1	....	....	2	190	no	1	1	1
Poplar Springs	C.	1885	Rev. E. G. Jordan, Elkin	3	112	1	....	....	....	2	....	....	1	110	no	1	1	....
Rock Creek	C.	1849	Rev. A. B. Hays, Hays	2	335	13	2	....	....	5	2	....	5	338	yes	1	1	....
Shoaly Branch	C.	1893	Rev. J. E. Hayes, N. Wilkesboro	4	151	4	....	....	....	2	....	....	....	153	no	1	1	....
White Plains	C.	....	Rev. L. J. Pardue, Elkin	3	145	11	9	....	....	1	....	....	1	163	yes	2	1	....

TABLE II—Sunday Schools of Elkin Baptist Association, Year Ending Sept. 30, 1939

CHURCHES	Superintendents and Postoffices	Cradle Roll, under 3	Beginners, 3 to 5	Primaries, 6 to 8	Juniors, 9 to 12	Intermediates, 13 to 16	Young People, 17 to 24	Adults, 25 Years Up	Departmental Officers	Have you a Mission S.S?	Total Enrollment, Officers, Teachers & Pupils	Average Attendance	Baptisms from S. S.	Is the School Graded?	Is It Standard A1?	Normal Diplomas
Bessie's Chapel	B. T. Southard, Elkin	....	....	15	15	....	20	18	6	no	74	46	....	no	no	....
Center		....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Cool Springs	Paul Newman, Elkin	29	25	....	39	34	40	68	10	....	245	130	6	no	no	no
East Elkin	T. G. Gambill, Elkin	....	17	15	26	5	29	40	12	....	144	75	2	....	yes	2
Elkin Valley	G. M. Walters, Elkin	50	30	....	45	45	85	120	....	....	375	249	....	no	no	....
Little Elkin	C. E. Walls, Rt. 1, Ronda	28	....	....	....	30	40	26	6	....	130	80	3	no	no	no
Macedonia	C. A. Burchette, Ronda	18	4	17	20	16	25	23	....	....	122	37	5	no	no	no
Mt. Pleasant	L. L. Irvin, State Road	....	24	19	24	25	48	63	3	....	206	69	....	yes	no	no
Pleasant Hill	Oscar Gentry, Elkin	94	16	24	50	35	60	140	17	....	436	215	....	yes	....	....
Pleasant Home	Jas. McCann, Rt. 1, Roaring River	....	22	10	20	....	38	22	4	....	116	69	5	yes	....	....
Poplar Springs	J. L. Weatherman, State Road	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	6	....	136	....	1	no	....	....
Rock Creek	W. B. Luffman, North Wilkesboro	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	163	72	....	....	....	....
Shoaly Branch	W. F. Gilliam, Benham	....	6	....	9	24	....	22	....	....	61	....	....	....	....	....
White Plains	Cindy Huffman, Roaring River	....	20	....	12	25	....	15	3	....	75	50	5	....	....	....

TABLE III—Baptist Training Union, Elkin Baptist Association for Year Ending Sept. 30, 1939

CHURCHES	No. B. A. U's.	No. Senior B. Y. P. U's.	No. Intermediate B. Y. P. U's.	No. Junior B. Y. P. U's.	Total B.A.U's. & B.Y.P.U's.	Adults Enrolled	Seniors Enrolled	Intermediates Enrolled	Juniors Enrolled	Total Enrolled	Total No. Daily Bible Readers	No. Taking Study Course
East Elkin	1	1	1	2	5	25	14	28	40	102	30	47
Macedonia	1	1	1	....	3	8	23	8	....	39	....	....

TABLE IV—W. M. U. Organizations and Gifts, Elkin Baptist Association, For Year Ending September 30, 1939

CHURCH	PRESIDENT OF W. M. S. AND POST OFFICE	No. of Woman's Missionary Societies	No. of Y. W. A's.	No. of G. A's.	Total W. M. U. Organizations	W. M. S. Members	Y. W. A's. Members	G. A's. Members	Total Members Enrolled	Grand Total for All Purposes Given by W. M. U. and All Organizations
Elkin Valley	Mrs. Lester Holloway, Elkin	1	1	2	4	18	23	22	63	$26.33

TABLE V—Church Property of Elkin Baptist Association for Year Ending Sept. 30, 1939

CHURCHES	CHURCH CLERKS AND POST OFFICES	Does Church Own Its House of Worship?	When Was It Built?	Materials Used	Persons Seated	Number of Rooms	Separate Class Rooms	Value of Church House and Grounds	Total Value All Church Property	Indebtedness on All Church Property	Insurance Carried
Bessie's Chapel	Marvin Brown, Elkin	yes	1934	wood	560	3	2	$2700.00	$2700.00		$1500.00
Center	J. F. Brewer, Thurmond	yes	1839	wood	400	1		800.00	800.00		
Cool Springs	Eugene Pettyjohn, Elkin	yes	1805	wood	700	7	7	3250.00	3250.00		
East Elkin	C. W. Haynes, Elkin	yes	1921	wood	300	8	7	3700.00	3700.00		
Elkin Valley	Hugh Couch, Elkin	yes	1914	wood	500	8	7	4000.00	4000.00	$810.60	1000.00
Little Elkin	J. B. Luffman, Rt. 1, Ronda	yes	1905	wood	300	1		2000.00	2000.00		
Macedonia	E. F. Edwards, Ronda	yes	1898	wood	400	1		2500.00	2500.00		
Mt. Pleasant	E. L. Golden, State Road	yes	1905	wood	400	8	7	3000.00	3000.00		
Pleasant Hill	Vermelle Money, Elkin	yes	1903	wood	500	5	4	4000.00	4000.00		
Pleasant Home	J. W. Cheek, Rt. 1, Roaring River	yes	1900	wood	500	1		1000.00	1000.00		
Poplar Springs	J. W. Gentry, State Road	yes	1939	wood	500	1		2500.00	2500.00		
Rock Creek	Udy C. Wood, North Wilkesboro	yes		wood	400	1		1000.00	1000.00		
Shoaly Branch	F. F. Tulbert, Elkin	yes	1893	wood	350	1		1000.00	1000.00		
White Plains	F. Anthony, Roaring River	yes		wood	300	1		1000.00	1000.00		

TABLE VI—Gifts for Local Church Work of Elkin Baptist Association For Year Ending September 30, 1939

CHURCHES	REGULAR TREASURERS AND POSTOFFICES	Pastor's Salary	Other Salaries	Ministerial Help and Supply	Building and Repairs	Church Debt and Interest	Incidentals	Literature for S. S., B. Y. P. U. & W. M. S.	Help Given to Local Poor	Printing Minutes and Clerk of Association	Other Objects	(Local Work) Total For Local Purposes Given by Church and All Its Organizations
Bessie's Chapel	Marvin Brown, Elkin	$ 76.24		$ 13.75			$ 18.00	$ 13.60		$2.00		$ 123.59
Center	J. F. Brewer, Thurmond	20.00								1.75		21.75
Cool Springs	R. C. Harris, Elkin	106.75		52.04	3.00		28.00	42.46		4.00		236.25
East Elkin	G. W. Creed, Elkin	190.20		110.00		97.95	101.87	63.77		3.00	77.19	643.89
Elkin Valley	M. H. Royal, Elkin	455.26	31.22	79.50	128.33	99.40	121.71	149.55	53.50	7.00	91.96	2370.43
Little Elkin	C. E. Walls, Rt. 1, Ronda	153.27		12.00	157.13		19.32			4.00		345.72
Macedonia	E. F. Edwards, Ronda	100.40		14.52			13.00	25.00		3.00	31.04	186.96
Mt. Pleasant	T. A. Gentry, State Road	427.53		85.00			80.57	48.49	13.00	3.00	97.04	754.03
Pleasant Hill	E. F. Yarboro, Elkin	336.49		103.30	7643.17		127.53	84.35	2301	6.00	13.90	8337.75
Pleasant Home	W. G. Burcham, Roaring River	70.00	15.00	12.00			17.30	16.00		3.00		133.30
Poplar Springs	D. E. Cockerham, State Road	66.74		22.80	1000.00		8.00	19.90		3.25	13.05	1133.49
Rock Creek	Udy C, Wood, North Wilkesboro	70.00	10.00				12.00	12.54	8.25	4.00	32.50	149.29
Shoaly Branch	W. F. Gilliam, Benham	148.48		25.00			15.00		18.00	3.75		210.23
White Plains	J. E. Parks, Roaring River	80.00		25.00	80.00		12.50	12.00		3.25		212.75

Pledged to Cooperative Program: Elkin Valley, $125.00.

TABLE VII—Gifts for Missions, Education, Benevolences, Elkin Association, September 30, 1939

CHURCHES	REGULAR TREASURERS AND POSTOFFICES	Special to State Missions	Special to Home Missions	Special to Foreign Missions	Special to Orphanage	Special to Hospitals	Special to Old Ministers' Relief	Other Special Gifts	(Missions, Etc.) Total for Missions & Benev. by Church & all Depts.	Grand Total For All Purposes—Both Local Work & Missions—Given by Ch. and All Org.
Bessie's Chapel	Marvin Brown, Elkin				$ 13.40	$ 3.43	$ 2.80		$ 19.63	$ 143.22
Center	J. F. Brewer, Thurmond									21.75
Cool Springs	R. C. Harris, Elkin		7.39		7.62	4.80	7.62		27.43	263.68
East Elkin	G. W. Creed, Elkin				20.00	7.00				670.89
Elkin Valley	M. H. Royal, Elkin	2.00	20.00	26.33	140.90	75.00		10.48	284.81	2655.24
Little Elkin	C. E. Walls, Rt. 1, Ronda				5.40	2.00			7.40	353.12
Macedonia	E. F. Edwards, Ronda				5.00	8.46			13.46	200.42
Mt. Pleasant	T. A. Gentry, State Road			11.90	24.54				36.44	791.07
Pleasant Hill	E. F. Yarboro, Elkin	5.40	5.40	5.40	15.42	34.83	20.00		86.45	8424.20
Pleasant Home	W. G. Burcham, Roaring River				17.15	9.00			26.15	159.45
Poplar Springs	D. E. Cockerham, State Road				8.80				8.80	1142.29
Rock Creek	Udy C. Wood, North Wilkesboro				28.69				28.69	177.98
Shoaly Branch	W. F. Gilliam, Benham				8.60	6.10			14.70	224.93
White Plains	J. E. Parks, Roaring River				122.63				122.63	335.38

MINUTES

OF THE

SIXTY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

ELKIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

NORTH CAROLINA

CONVENED WITH

MACEDONIA BAPTIST CHURCH

Oct. 4, 5, 6, 1940

E. M. ELDRIDGE, Moderator ..... **Elkin, N. C.**

J. W. CHEEK, Clerk ..... **Roaring River, N. C.**

The next session will be held with Rock Creek Baptist Church, 5 miles West of Roaring River, 2½ miles Southeast of Mountain View, beginning on Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1941.

PROCEEDINGS
of the
SIXTY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION
of the
ELKIN MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Meeting With Macedonia Baptist Church
Oct. 4, 5 and 6, 1940

Devotional. Singing by choir; Rev. Loyd Pardue reading Psalm 113:1-10. Prayer by Rev. C. M. Caudill.

Moderator called Association to order.

Visitors: Rev. Grant Cothren and Rev. C. M. Caudill, of Stone Mountain Association; Rev. Loyd Pardue.

Church letters called for and the following were handed in, read and messengers seated:

1. Bessie's Chapel—A. C. Wall, Gaither Wall, Marvin Brown, B. T. Southard.
2. Center—C. L. Johnson, J. O. Johnson.
3. Cool Springs—M L. Pettyjohn, Eugene Pettyjohn
4. Elkin Valley—H. D. Woodruff, Mrs. M. H. Royal, Mrs. Hallie Coutch.
5. East Elkin—E. M. Eldridge, John Baker.
6. Little Elkin—C. E. Walls, J. M. Vanhoy
7. Macedonia—C. A. Burchette, J. M. Burchette, T. L. Byrd, E. F. Edwards, Lorene Tharpe.
8. Mt. Pleasant—W. F. Carter, Mrs. W. F. Carter, J. W, Brookshire, Mrs. J. W. Brookshire, W. L. Walters, Mrs. W. L. Walters.
9. Pleasant Hill—Dallas Carter, Claude Ray, Misses Vermelle Money, Marie Newman, Gladys Transou.
10. Pleasant Home—W. G. Burcham, J. W. Cheek.
11. Poplar Springs—S. B. Mooney, Isaac Nance, Esker Hinson.
12. Rock Creek—W. B. Luffman, J. A. Sebastian, Rev. Lester Johnson.
13. Shoaly Branch—W. F. Gilliam, J. A. Darnell, J. B. Pardue.
14 White Plains—Finnie Anthony, Grover Tharpe.

On motion and adoption of Association, present Moderator and Clerk serve this session.

On motion and adoption, we elect Moderator and Clerk for next session first thing in afternoon.

Committees appointed:

On Religious Exercises—Pastor and delegates of this church.

Finance Committee—H. D. Woodruff, E. M. Eldridge, Dallas Carter.

Committee on Refreshments—Delegates of this church.

Committee on Committees—J. L. Powers, Finnie Anthony.

Committee on Time, Place and Preacher—Marvin Brown, J. W. Brookshire.

11:00 A. M.—Committee on Religious Exercises report Rev. C. M. Caudill preach Introductory Sermon and Rev. Lester Johnson conduct devotional.

Introductory Sermon by Rev. C. M. Caudill. Text, Mark 11:13.

Adjourn till 1:15 P. M.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Association reassembled. Song, "Sweet Hour of Prayer." Devotional by Rev. A. B. Hayes, reading Romans 12th chapter. Moderator called Association to order.

Visitors: Revs. A. B. Hayes and J. E. Hayes, of Stone Mountain Association; M. A. Huggins, on Missions; Smith Hagaman, representing North Carolina Baptist Hospital; J. A. McMillan, representing Thomasville Orphanage.

On motion elect Association Officers. Put in nomination E. M. Eldridge for Moderator and elected him unanimously, and elected Rev. Lester Johnson Assistant Moderator.

Elected J. W. Cheek, Clerk.

REPORT ON MISSIONS

Today, in this dar age of ours, we Baptist people should be more mission minded than ever before. Jesus gave the command, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Every one can have a part in winning those at home and abroad. There are many souls that know not the Lord and we have the opportunity to do home missions through our Sunday Schools. There we have a closer connection personally than we do in the church. Every Sunday

School should be a mission school, not only to them at home but to foreign missions also.

Although every one cannot go to the foreign fields to carry the gospel we can do our part. Paul says, "How shall they preach except they be sent." Every Baptist church should take a special offering monthly or each quarter for the on going of this work. We must remember that the people in foreign countries who are not enlightened and are ignorant concerning the Lord's Kingdom, are not held responsible for it. But we must see that the gospel is sent to them.

VERMELLE MONEY,
Committee.

Remarks by M. A. Huggins. Report adopted.

REPORT ON OLD MINISTERS' RELIEF

When we realize how obediently our ministers answer the call of the Master to go out in the world and preach the gospel, and consider how little they are paid (especially in the rural churches) for the great work they are doing, and considering, too, the certainty of old age, every member of the entire Elkin Association should be interested in aged ministers' relief. Most of them have obeyed the great command in their youth and have given their best days for this great and worthy cause, and I urge that this Association take under careful and prayerful consideration this great need and come to their relief, beginning in the pulpit and circulating in the pew, putting much emphasis on the importance and blessing of sacraficial giving. God expects us to be ever thoughtful of His aged servants, who have given their lives for the salvation of the lost, and who are no longer able to work for support, but we who are younger can and ought to give of our strength to help to support these worthy ones in their last days on this earth.

MRS. E. G. JORDAN.

REPORT ON NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST HOSPITAL

The Baptist Hospital, located at Winston-Salem, has been a great help to our State and country in caring for the sick and misfortunate, and some from our own town and county, which we appreciate. At the present time there is an additional building in progress now, so they can care for more patients.

E. M. ELDRIDGE, Committee.

REPORT ON THE BAPTIST ORPHANAGE

The Baptist Orphanage of North Carolina is doing a splendid job as caretaker for orphan children in our State.

The reports made year after year must be limited. It would be more interesting if it were possible to convey to you the spirit of the institution. But the deeper emotions of the children and the employees cannot be expressed in a report of this nature. Perhaps the spirit of

the Home has never been better. This wholesome condition will continue as long as the welfare of the child is given the central place in our thoughts. When carefully studied dependent children may be classified under three heads: full orphans, half orphans, and victims of deserted and wrecked homes.

In this institution there are 571 children—272 boys and 299 girls; 184 orphans, 125 with mother dead, 200 with father dead, 62 with both parents living. Of this number 24 were graduates from the senior class, all of them professed Christians.

In order to determine what is best for each individual child it is necessary to have well trained social workers. Perhaps our orphanages have placed too much emphasis on the receiving end of the line. But we need to enter the field of prevention and teach people how to build and save homes. This would make it possible to reduce the population in the institution, and at the same time render a more effective service to the child and home.

As a whole the past year has been one of the best in the history of the orphanage. We have passed another year with only one death in our large family.. There has been a number of improvements made during the year. The repairs that have to be made on the older buildings are a constant drain on the funds paid in. The need for these repairs will probably increase during the next few years. This will justify the movement recently started, to press more vigorously a once-a-month offering in a larger number of our Sunday Schools and churches. We recommend that each church and Sunday School in this Association take this offering.

The church at the orphanage is taking great interest in the spiritual welfare of the children that are there. Scarcely ever one leaves the orphanage without being a Christian. Then shouldn't we as Baptist Churches do our part to help carry on this great work.

LESTER JOHNSON, Committee.

On motion, Smith Hagaman discussed Hospital and Orphanage at this time.

Committee on Religious Exercisese report:

Rev. David W. Day preach tonight.

E. M. Eldridge conduct devotional Saturday morning and Rev. C. C. Cockerham devotional Saturday afternoon.

Rev. Lester Johnson preach Saturday night.

On motion adjourn till 7:30 tonight.

7:30. Singing by choir. Prayer by Rev. Lloyd Pardue. Sermon by Rev. David W. Day. Text: John 3:14. "Look and Live."

SATURDAY MORNING

Song, "What A Friend We Have In Jesus." Devotional by

E. M. Eldridge, reading 4th chapter of James and leading in prayer.

Moderator called Association to order.

Visitor: David Morgan from Central Association.

REPORT ON PASTOR AND CHURCH RELATIONS

The relation between pastor and the church is almost the same as with the shepherd and his flock. He, if he is a true pastor, will strive to upbuild his church spiritually and otherwise, ever looking and working for the church's best interest, watching over the flock and feeding them on the word of God. The pastor should see to it that his members are given work. We are workers together. The church is a body of baptized believers in the Lord Jesus Christ, set apart for work. The church should co-operate with the pastor in carrying on the work of the Kingdom of God, upbuild the church, stand by the pastor, pray for him, help support him so that he will be able to give his time to the work, to visit his members, praying with them, instructing them in regard to Christian duties and responsibilities of the church, for we are all one body in Christ Jesus and members one of another.

The members of the church should be present at each meeting; they should be ready to inform the pastor of any of the church's needs, visit the sick, the widows and orphans, those who need help and see that the church is provided for in this respect.

Respectfully submitted, CHARLIE R. BYRD.

Remarks by C. R. Byrd, E. M. Eldridge, Rev. B. F. Rollins, Rev. Loyd J. Pardue. Report adopted.

REPORT ON STATE OF THE CHURCHES

The conditions of the churches now are better in many ways than they were several years ago. Most of them have a definite program of work.

We should not lose sight of the fact that most of our churches have evergreen Sunday Schools, where not very many churches had Sunday School all the year, not so many years ago.

The pastors are working together now better than they used to. They are preaching more sound doctrine now than has been preached for some time. Most all of the rural pastors are advocating an altar of prayer, for sinners to kneel at and repent of their sins and be born again. We earnestly hope more of our pastors will do this.

It is true, however, that a large per cent of the new converts nowadays go back into the world. It is also true that some went back into the world in the days of the Apostle Paul; doubtles some have gone back ever since. We believe the allurements of the world are greater now than ever before.

Then taking everything in consideration, the churches in general are doing a great work.

Respectfully submitted,

DALLAS CARTER, Committee.

Remarks by C. A. Burchette, Revs. Lester Johnson, L. J. Pardue, B. F. Collins.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS

Literature is not only read by young but by the old as well. We have two religious papers, "Charity and Children" and "Biblical Recorder," which are safe for the young as well as older people to read. There is so much of our literature that is unsound in its teaching. Then we should be careful what kind of literature we read.

The Baptist Program from World Evangelism down through Personal Christian Living. Interwoven in all these matters you will find the ominous figures, war and unemployment, crime and race hatred—a thousand evils which swarm amid our Christian civilization like germs in a diseased human body.

Baptists of North Carolina must be given an opportunity which they are seeking, the opportunity to increase their spiritual efficiency. They must have at their disposal the informational storehouse of past and present spiritual pioneers. To do its part in making this informational storehouse available to every North Carolina Baptist is the Biblical Recorder.

Respectfully submitted,

CLYDE A. BURCHETTE.

Remarks by David Morgan, B F. Rollins. Adopted.

Song, "He Is Coming in the Skies." Dismissed by Rev. B. F. Rollins till 1:30 P. M.

1:30 P. M. SATURDAY

Song, "The Friendly Road."

Devotional by Rev. B. F. Rollins.

Moderator called Association to order. On motion of Association, Rev. Lester Johnson act as Orphanage Representative.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

No amount of worldly education or culture can change man's nature. Only a vital experience with our Savior can supply the spark that enables a teacher to impart the tenants of education in its fullest. We have quite a number who we feel can qualify in this regard and we should be thankful for them. Education required of the Israelites: **"And these words which I command thee this day, shall be upon thine heart, and thou shalt teach them dilligently unto thy children."** So we see that Christian Education, like charity, begins in the home.

Respectfully submitted,

C. E. WALLS.

Remarks by C. R. Byrd, B. F. Rollins. Report adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

Temperance is self-mastery. We find in Paul's writing that he wrote, "Every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things." Therefore every Christian should strive to live a more temperate life.

Intemperance in thought, word or act leads to a low state of morals. Therefore without temperance there is no such thing as good public morals.

Practically all crime that is committed in our country today is directly or indirectly caused by intemperance in strong drink. Strong drink destroys a man or woman's self respect, respect for religion, virtue, honesty and all things which are good. The danger of strong drink should be impressed more upon the minds of young people of today. We as Christians have one way of doing this by teaching it in the Sunday School, and the ministers preaching it from the pulpit. This way we might eliminate some of the evil in the future generation.

Some of the things we have in our land today, that have a tendency to lead to a low state of public morals is moving picture shows, Sunday base ball games, public swimming pools, etc. These things have the power to draw people away from the places of worship, and I think we as Christians should shun these places and have them closed, at least on Sunday.

The remedy for intemperance then is religion, education, and helping to make the proper laws and to see they are enforced.

Respectfully submitted,

FENNIE ANTHONY.

Remarks by Mrs. Tyra Tharpe, T. L. Byrd and C. A. Burchette. Report adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

We, your Nominating Committee, report as follows:
Missions—C. R. Byrd.
Periodicals—John W. Brookshire.
Baptist Hospital—Vermelle Money.
Orphanage—H. D. Woodruff.
Old Ministers' Relief—Luther Pettyjohn.
Christian Education—L. J. Pardue.
Temperance—Rev. Grant Cothren.
Pastor and Church Relationship—C. A. Burchette.
Resolutions—Mrs. R. C. Harris.
State of Churches—Marvin Brown.
Sunday Schools—Lorene Tharpe.

REV. J. L. POWERS,
FENNIE ANTHONY, Committee.

FINANCE REPORT

The Committee on Finance report money received.....$46.40
.25

$46.65

We find according to the Minutes that the Association has 2,731 members. 2 cents on each member would be $54.62.

H. D. WOODRUFF,
DALLAS CARTER, Committee.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

The meaning of the Sabbath School today, as taught by a band of Christian people, is to set before the world the beautiful pattern of a perfect life, as lived by Jesus Christ.

May we as officers and teachers awake to a full sense of—not duty —but the beautiful privilege of being useful servants in HIS cause. To best fulfil our trust we must keep before us the PATTERN, for have we not seen the little boy following his teachers pattern of the Alphabet, each line that he made grew more unlike the pattern, for he was following his own, and no longer the teacher's work; however, each day she returns him to the new likeness of the pattern and as days go by he can more easily follow. Then we as teachers should every Sabbath day return to the pattern that the pupil might grow, even with us in a more lovely likeness of the Son of God.

What should be taught in the Sabbath School? The privilege of being a Christian, in a Christian land. The tender love and mercy of the Father and his Son. His forgiving love for the erring; the power given to us "To become the children of God."

"For I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me."

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. R. C. HARRIS.

Remarks by Rev. David W. Day, Rev. Loyd Pardue, C. T. Ward, Clyde Burchette, Mrs. T. M. Tharpe.

Report adopted.

REPORT ON TIME, PLACE AND PREACHER

We, the Committee, wish to report that the next session of the Elkin Association be held with Rock Creek Baptist Church, 5 miles West of Roaring River, 2½ miles Southeast of Mountain View, beginning on Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1941, at 10:00 o'clock A. M.

We recommend Rev. J. L. Powers to preach the Introductory Sermon; Rev. Lester Johnson, alternate.

J. W. BROOKSHIRE,
MARVIN BROWN, Committee.

RESOLUTIONS

With thankful hearts that God has spared our lives for another year, be it resolved:

1. That all professing Christians take a stronger stand for God; not being conformed to this world, but up and about, seeking God's will and abiding thereby.

2. That parents give more thought to bringing up their children in the fear and admonition of the Lord Jesus Christ.

3. That our church leaders wholly consecrate their lives to God so we may have more spiritual leaders.

4. That all professing Christians and ministers that use tobacco in any form dilligently seek God's face concerning the matter.

5. That we as Christians strive for more willing and obedient and subdued hearts in order that God may reveal to us the things he has in store for us.

6. That we be more missionary minded, and work more for God in missions.

7. That we strive not to adopt these resolutions within ourselves but through the living grace of God which he supplies to those who love him.

8. That we thank Macedonia Church for the kind hospitality shown us during this Association.

LORRAINE THARPE.

On motion adjourn till tonight.

7:45. Met. Sermon by Rev. Lester Johnson. Text, 1st Kings, 16:18.

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS

Arvel Alexander	Elkin
Jas. S. Bryant	Roaring River
C. C. Cockerham	Roaring River
David W. Day	Elkin
Richard Day	Elkin
C. E. Flinchem	Elkin
Lester Johnson	Hays
J. H. Luffman	Ronda
E. G. Jordan	Elkin
Levi McCann	Roaring River
Loyd J. Pardue	Elkin
B. F. Rollins	Elkin
Tom Shew	North Wilkesboro
John Weatherman	State Road

OUR DEPARTED ONES

CENTER—

Miss Rebecca Holcomb

COOL SPRINGS—

Deacon C. M. Carter
Mr. William Carter
Mr. Huston Tucker
Mr. J. P. Harris
Mrs. Pauline Nichols
Miss Melvina Casey

ELKIN VALLEY—

Mrs. Carolyn Newman
Miss Ruth Vestal

PLEASANT HILL—

Sarah Burcham
Media Alexander
Mr. Calvin Brooks
Dorothy Benge

PLEASANT HOME—

Mr. Charlie Cockerham

POPLAR SPRINGS—

Mr. John Simmons
Mr. David Foster
Mrs. Mary White

ROCK CREEK—

Mrs. Martha Johnson

TABLE I—Church Membership, Etc., Elkin Association, Year Ending September 30, 1940.

CHURCHES	Is it in Village, Town City or Country?	When Constituted	Pastors and Postoffices	Days of Meeting	Members Reported Last Year	GAINS				LOSSES				Total Pres. Members	Weekly Prayer Meet.	Revivals During Yr.	Obs. Lord's Supper	Rec. State Bap. Paper
						Baptisms	Letters	Statements	Restorations	Letters	Exclusions	Erasures	Deaths					
Bessie's Chapel	C.	1934	Rev. J. R. Pardue, Jonesville	3	34	3	3			1		1		38		1	1	
Center	C.	1839	Rev. Grant Cothren, Traphill	1	46	2				1			1	46		1	1	
Cool Springs	C.	1805	Rev. Grant Cothren, Traphill	2	242	2				3		1	6	232		1	1	
East Elkin	T.	1921	Rev. J. L. Powers, Elkin	3	218	12	7	2		6				233	yes	2	1	
Elkin Valley	C.	1881	Rev. R. E. Adams, Mayodan	1 & 3	359		6			3			2	360	yes	2	1	
Little Elkin	C.	1905	Rev. Lester Johnson, Hays	4	185		3			2				186		2	1	
Macedonia	C.	1876	Rev. Lloyd Pardue, Elkin	1 & 3	190					3			3	184		1	1	
Mt. Pleasant	C.	1887	Rev. B. F. Peeler, Taylorsville	1 & 3	147	12	5	1		6				159		2	1	
Pleasant Hill	V.	1897	Rev. D. W. Day, Elkin	1 & 3	432	14	8			4	1		4	445	yes	2	1	4
Pleasant Home	C.	1884	Rev. Grant Cothren, Traphill	4	190	6							1	195		1	1	
Poplar Springs	C.	1885	Rev. Richard Day, Elkin	3	110	26	2		3				3	138		1	1	
Rock Creek	C.	1849	Rev. A. B. Hayes, Hays	2	338	7	4			10		2	1	336	yes	1	1	
Shoaly Branch	C.	1893	Rev. J. E. Havs, N. Wilkesboro	4	153					4				149		1	1	
White Plains	C.		Rev. L. J. Pardue, Elkin	3	163	11	3			3				174		1	1	

TABLE II—Sunday Schools of Elkin Baptist Association, Year Ending Sept. 30, 1940.

CHURCHES	Superintendents and Postoffices	Cradle Roll, under 3	Beginners, 3 to 5	Primaries, 6 to 8	Juniors, 9 to 12	Intermediates, 13 to 16	Young People, 17 to 24	Adults, 25 Years Up	Extension Department	Gen. & Dept. Officers	Total Enrollment, Officers, Teachers & Pupils	Average Attendance	Baptisms from S. S.	Is the School Graded?	Teachers hold. diplomas
Bessie's Chapel	B. T. Southard, Elkin	....	....	14	15	....	17	10	....	6	62	54	....	.....	....
Center		....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	....
Cool Springs	Paul Newman, Elkin	....	16	....	39	36	35	32	....	2	160	104	2	.....	1
East Elkin	T. G. Gambill, Elkin	....	11	13	27	9	34	35	....	....	129	86	....	yes	....
Elkin Valley	Geo. M. Walters, Elkin	....	35	45	46	60	69	104	....	15	374	227	....	.....	....
Little Elkin	C. E. Wall, Ronda	10	....	....	....	17	49	19	....	6	101	75	....	.....	....
Macedonia	C. A. Burchette, Ronda	19	26	....	24	10	30	21	....	6	136	59	....	.....	....
Mt. Pleasant	J. W. Brookshire, State Road	7	15	11	28	19	29	57	....	11	177	53	8	.....	....
Pleasant Hill	Oscar Gentry, Elkin	72	21	24	57	52	78	130	28	3	465	282	....	.....	....
Pleasant Home	James McCann, Roaring River	....	21	15	....	20	38	25	....	5	120	60	5	.....	....
Poplar Springs	R. W. Gentry, State Road	....	....	23	25	52	29	15	....	7	151	67	....	.....	....
Rock Creek	W. B. Luffman, North Wilkesboro	....	15	....	12	14	13	10	....	7	71	50	....	.....	....
Shoaly Branch	O. H. Gentry, Benham	6	....	....	8	....	22	25	....	....	61	60	....	.....	....
White Plains	C. C. Alexander, Roaring River	....	....	25	12	25	....	15	....	....	77	45	8	.....	....

TABLE III—Baptist Training Union, Elkin Baptist Association, For Year Ending September 30, 1940.

CHURCH	Director of Training Union	Adult Unions	Young People's Unions	Intermediate Unions	Junior Unions	Total Unions	Adults Enrolled	Young People Enrolled	Intermediates Enrolled	Juniors Enrolled	Total Enrolled	No. Daily Bible Readers	No. Taking Study Course	Total Systematic Givers
Elkin Valley	L. A. Woodruff, Elkin	1	1	1	2	5	20	21	24	20	85	26	39	46

TABLE IV—W. M. U. Organizations and Gifts, Elkin Baptist Association, For Year Ending September 30, 1940.

CHURCHES	PRESIDENTS OF W. M. S. AND POST OFFICES	No. Woman's Missionary Societies	Number of Y. W. A.'s	Number of G.A.'s	Total W. M. U. Organizations	W. M. S. Members	Y. W. A.'s Members	G. A.'s Members	Total Members Enrolled	Contributions (Local Work) Given by W. M. U.	Contributions (Missions) Given by W. M. U.	Grand Total for All Purposes Given by W.M.U. and All Organizations
Rock Creek	Mrs. Udy C. Wood, N. Wilkesboro	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	$2.65	$15.68	$18.83
Elkin Valley	Mrs. Lester Holloway, Elkin	1	1	2	4	22	29	16	67	...	...	28.06

TABLE V—Church Property of Elkin Baptist Association for Year Ending September 30, 1940

CHURCHES	CHURCH CLERKS AND POST OFFICES	Does Church Own Its House of Worship?	When Was It Built?	Materials Used	Persons Seated	Number of Rooms	Dept. Assembly Rms.	Separate Class Rooms	Value of Church House and Grounds	Total Value All Church Property	Indebtedness on All Church Property	Insurance Carried
Bessie's Chapel	Marvin Brown, Elkin	yes	1934	wood	500	3	2	....	$2700.00	$2700.00	.....	.....
Center	Ima Hinson, State Road	yes	1839	wood	400	1	....	....	800.00	800.00	.....	.....
Cool Springs	Eugene Pettyjohn, Elkin	yes	.....	wood	700	7	....	7	3250.00	3250.00	.....	.....
East Elkin	C. W. Haynes, Elkin	yes	1921	wood	300	8	....	7	3700.00	3700.00	.....	.....
Elkin Valley	Hugh Couch, Elkin	yes	1914	wood	500	12	....	11	4000.00	4000.00	$490.00	$1500.00
Little Elkin	C. E. Wall, Ronda	yes	1905	wood	300	1	....	....	2000.00	2000.00	.....	.....
Macedonia	E. T. Edwards, Ronda	yes	1898	wood	400	1	....	....	2500.00	2500.00	.....	.....
Mt. Pleasant	W. L. Walters, State Road	yes	.....	wood	500	8	....	7	2000.00	2000.00	.....	.....
Pleasant Hill	Vermelle Money, Elkin	yes	1903	wood	500	5	....	4	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pleasant Home	J. W. Cheek, Roaring River	yes	1918	wood	500	1	....	....	1000.00	1000.00	.....	.....
Poplar Springs	J. W. Gentry, State Road	yes	1939	wood	450	1	....	....	2700.00	2700.00	.....	.....
Rock Creek	Udy C. Wood, N. Wilkesboro	yes	.....	wood	400	1	....	....	1000.00	1000.00	.....	.....
Shoaly Branch	W. F. Gilliam, Benham	yes	1893	wood	350	1	....	....	1000.00	1000.00	.....	.....
White Plains	Finney Anthony, Roaring River	yes	.....	wood	300	1	....	....	1000.00	1000.00	.....	.....

TABLE VI—Gifts for Local Church Work of Elkin Baptist Association For Year Ending Sept. 30, 1940.

CHURCHES	REGULAR TREASURERS AND POST OFFICES	Pastor s Salary	Other Salaries	Ministerial Help and Supply	Building and Repairs	Church Debt and Interest	Incidentals	Literature for S. S., B. Y. P. U. and W. M. S.	Help Given to Local Poor	Printing Minutes and Clerk of Association	Other Objects	(Local Work) Total For Local Purposes Given by Church and All Its Organizations
Bessie's Chapel	Gaither Wall, Rusk	$ 62.37		$12.45			$17.00	$43.22		$2.10		$ 137.14
Center	C. L. Johnson, Thurmond	25.00	$4.74							1.65		31.39
Cool Springs	R. C. Harris, Elkin	140.10		48.62	$ 15.50		25.41	38.99		3.00		271.62
East Elkin	G. W. Creed, Elkin	127.34		84.42	97.67		220.43	45.69	$ 6.00	3.00	$10.00	494.55
Elkin Valley	M. H. Royall, Elkin	459.11	65.09	53.35	419.76	$616.56	185.81	155.70	82.28	7.00	240.02	2284|68
Little Elkin	C. E. Wall, Ronda	100.32		18.50			49.85			3.00		171.67
Macedonia	E. F. Edwards, Ronda	101.09		25.00	10.00		60.00	30.00	15.00	3.00		240.09
Mt. Pleasant	T. A. Gentry, State Road	439.51		25.00			88.10	45.31		3.00	27.00	627.92
Pleasant Hill	E. F. Yarbour, Elkin	325.90		116.21	1110.95		162.14	99.43	75.20	5.00	9.50	1904.33
Pleasant Home	W. G. Burcham, Roaring River	65.00	10.00	10.80	116.76		13.00	15.00		3.00		233.56
Poplar Springs	Isaac Nance, State Road	163.39		72.00	200.00		30.00	29.35		3.65	75.00	573.39
Rock Creek	Udy C. Wood, N. Wilkesboro	60.00		11.26	60.00		11.35	17.41		4.65		165.67
Shoaly Branch	W. F. Gilliam, Benham	61.65					15.00			3.00		79.65
White Plains	Grover Tharpe, Knottville	75.50		25.50	20.00		42.00	12.00		2.35		179.35

TABLE VII—Gifts for Missions, Education, Benevolences, Elkin Association, Sept. 30, 1940.

CHURCHES	REGULAR TREASURERS AND POST OFFICES	Total to Co-operative Program	Special to State Missions	Special to Home Missions	Special to Foreign Missions	Special to Orphanage	Special to Hospitals	Special to Old Ministers' Relief	(Missions, Etc.) Total for Missions & Benev. by Church & All Depts.	Grand Total for All Purposes—Both Locay Work & Missions — Given By Church & all Organiz'ns
Bessie's Chapel	Gaither Wall, Rusk					$16.79	$ 2.10		$ 18.89	$ 156.03
Center	C. L. Johnson, Thurmond									31.39
Cool Springs	R. C. Harris, Elkin	$6.00				10.80	4.00	10.80	31.60	303.72
East Elkin	G. W. Creed, Elkin			116.55	17.50	20.00	12.07		166.12	660.67
Elkin Valley	M. H. Royall, Elkin			24.86	25.56	87.30	60.00		197.72	2482.40
Little Elkin	C. E. Wall, Ronda						3.50		3.50	175.17
Macedonia	E. F. Edwards, Ronda					14.00	4.50		18.50	262.59
Mt. Pleasant	A. Gentry, State Road				5.97	11.60			17.57	645.49
Pleasant Hill	E. F. Yarbour, Elkin					11.00	23.31		34.31	1958.64
Pleasant Home	W. G. Burcham, Roaring River					9.00	6.00		15.00	238.56
Poplar Springs	Isaac Nance, State Road					11.50			11.50	584.39
Rock Creek	Udy C. Wood, N. Wilkesboro		$1.00	5.00	7.35	1.17	2.70		133.65	298.53
Shoaly Branch	W. F. Gilliam, Benham					5.00	6.25		11.25	90.90
White Plains	Grover Tharpe, Knottville				1.25	8.00	9.50		18.75	198.10

MINUTES

OF THE

SIXTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

ELKIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

NORTH CAROLINA

CONVENED WITH

ROCK CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH

Oct. 3 and 4, 1941

E. M. ELDRIDGE, Moderator ..... Elkin, N. C.

J. W. CHEEK, Clerk ..... Roaring River, N. C.

The next session will be held with Little Elkin Baptist Church, 4 miles West of Elkin, beginning on Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1942.

PROCEEDINGS

of the

SIXTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION

of the

ELKIN MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Meeting With Rock Creek Baptist Church

October 3 and 4, 1941

Devotional. Singing by Association. Rev. L. J. Pardue reading 91st Psalm. Prayer by Rev. J. L. Powers.

Moderator called Association to order.

Visitors invited. Rev. M. O. Alexander, of Raleigh Association, representing Missons, Rev. C. E. Parker, representng N. C. Baptist Hospital, W. H. Money, of Yadkin Association, Rev. John Burcham, Stone Mountain Association, Rev. Stephen Morisett, Surry Association.

Church letters called for and the following were handed in, read and messengers seated:

Bessie's Chapel—Marvin Brown, A. C. Wall, Gaither Wall.

Center—Ovid Johnson, Ella Johnson.

Cool Springs—M. L. Pettyjohn, Eugene Pettyjohn, O. P. Holbrook.

East Elkin—Rev. B. F. Rollins, Mrs. Noami Smoot, Mrs. Emma Eldridge.

Elkin Valley—H. D. Woodruff, W. J. Harmon, H. F. Tulburt, Nell Collins, Etta————.

First Baptist—Mr. and rs. Earl James, Mrs. T. C. Church.

Little Elkin—J. M. Vanhoy, James Byrd, Mary Laster, Irene Luffman.

Macedonia—J. N. Burchette, C. A. Burchette, Finnie Anthony.

Mt. Pleasant—Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Brookshire, W. F. Carter, J. F. Irvin.

Pleasant Hill—D. W. Day, Arthur Collins, Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Carter, Josephine Wilmoth.

Pleasant Home—W. G. Burcham, John Q. Burcham.

Poplar Springs—Isaac Nance, S. B. Mooney, Kelly Ray.

Rock Creek—J. A. Sebastian, Eugene Sebastian, Roy Richardson.

Shoaly Branch—W. F. Gilliam, James White.

White Plains—C. C. Alexander, G. C. Tharpe, John Johnson.

Invitation given for other churches to unite with us and received First Baptist Church of Elkin, with its pastor, Rev. Stephen Morrisett, and messengers, Mr. and Mrs. Earl James and Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Church.

Committees appointed:

Finance—D. W. Day, H. D. Woodruff, W. F. Carter.

Refreshments—Avery Wiles, J. A. Sebastian, Earl Wiles.

Committee on Committees—M. L. Pettyjohn, H. F. Tulbert, Stephen Morrisett.

Time, Place and Preacher—L. J. Pardue, E. G. Jordan, Marvin Brown.

On motion and adoption we elect Association Officers for next year, and elected E. M. Eldredge Moderator, M. L. Pettyjohn, Assistant Moderator; J. W. Cheek, Clerk; Orphanage Representative, Rev. Lester Johnson, Hays, N. C., N. C. Baptist Hospital Representative, Rev. Stephen Morrisett, Elkin, N. C.

On motion we elect Association Sunday School officers for the incoming year, and elected J. W. Brookshire, State Road, Superintendent; Mrs. J. W. Brookshire, Secretary; Jim Mitchell, Choir Leader.

11:00 A. M.—Introductory Sermon by Rev. J. L. Powers.

Committee on Religious Exercises report Rev. E. G. Jordan conduct devotional after noon.

REPORT ON MISSIONS

Today, in this age, we Baptist people should be more mission minded than ever before. Jesus gave the command, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Every one can have a part in winning those at home and abroad. There are many souls that know not the Lord and we have the opportunity to do home missions through our Sunday Schools. There we have a closer connection personally than we do in the regular church service. Every Sunday School should be a mission school, not only to those at home but to foreign missions also. I believe in foreign missions, yes, but "Charity begins at home." We need to do all in our power to Christianize the American homes in order to have more of the Divine Power to face the crisis that I fear is just in the near future.

I believe that every pastor, deacon, officer and teacher in the church needs "The Commission," or "World Journal" to be informed as to the progress of Christian work in the world around in order to present a complete picture to those he teaches. This magazine should be in every Southern Baptist home. I think we should pray earnestly about this mission matter, both home and foreign, and then act. Not every one can go to the foreign fields. We may not be able to preach like Paul and pray like Peter, but God has a mission for every one to perform. There should be an offering at least twice a year for this work. We must see that the people in the foreign countries who are ignorant concerning the Lord's Kingdom are taught the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

CHARLIE R. BYRD, Committee.

Remarks by M. O. Alexander. Report adopted.

Adjourn till 1:45 P. M.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Songs, "Standing on the Promises of God," "Blest Be the Tie That Binds." Devotional by Rev. E. G. Jordan, reading 3rd chapter Titus and leading in prayer. Moderator called Association to order.

On discussion of conditions, the Association and church made a motion that we will not have service at the church tonight.

Invitation to visitors: J. A. Gilliam, Moderator of Stone Mountain Association; H. G. Early, representing Mills Home; Victor H. Harrold, representing N. C. Dry Forces.

REPORT ON BAPTIST HOSPITAL

The Baptist Hospital is just now completing additions to its plant that increases its bed capacity from 108 to 300. This will enable the hospital to treat 10,000 patients each year. Of this number, we may expect 3,300 of them will be service patients; that is, not able to pay a hospital bill. 3,300 will be mothers who have waiting for their return home, 10,000 children. If the present rate is maintained, 200 will be preachers for whom no charge has been made for the last two years or more.

The hospital has a staff of 100 doctors: These are all specialists in the many fields of medicine and surgery.

The hospital runs a well-equipped standard Training School for Nurses. These are taken from as nearly every section of the State as possible. A class of about 50 will be taken each year, making a school of 150.

The Medical building of the Bowman Gray School of Medicine of Wake Forest College is now completed and the school opened the first

of September of this year. While the Medical School and the Hospital will be closely related and mutually helpful in every department, they will remain separate institutions, controlled by separate Boards of Directors and supported from different sources.

Everything contributed to the hospital goes to the support of the hospital exclusively. The Mother's Day Offering by the churches is used entirely for the service of patients not financially able to pay for treatment.

The spiritual side of the hospital's service is stressed always. The hospital has a full time pastor supplied by the generous donation of Mr. C. M. Scott, of High Point. This pastor, Rev. Charles E. Parker, in addition to his many activities with the patients and their families and friends, teaches a course in Bible in the Nurses Training School.

The various organizations of our women and young people are rendering a vast service to the hospital in supplying linens of all kinds—such as sheets, pillow cases, towels, washcloths, etc.

Our vastly enlarged program, of course, will require increased support.

VERMELLE MONEY.

Remarks by C. E. Parker. Report adopted.

REPORT ON OLD MINISTERS' RELIEF

The call to the ministry is the highest call known among men, and the man who responds to this call means his time is no longer his own. He, his time and talent is God's, and where any one has given his best and all to God's service and no longer can earn his living, we feel it is the duty of all Christian people to see that his needs are supplied and there is no better way than through the Old Ministers' Relief Board. Therefore, we urge the churches of the Elkin Association to contribute as liberally as they can to this worthy cause.

M. L. PETTYJOHN, Committee.

Report adopted.

REPORT ON THE BAPTIST ORPHANAGE

In this report it is impossible to record the stories of physical, social and spiritual needs that are being made daily in your office of the Baptist Orphanage.

There are three classes of children now being cared for by the Orphanage, full Orphanage, and Mothers' Aid, boarding homes and the Orphanage proper.

The demands upon the Orphanage authorities have never been greater. They receive upon an average of forty-five applications every month during the year. The average cost of running the Orphanage is approximately $500 a day.

We recommend that this Association name an Orphanage representative who will see that a representative is named in every Sunday

School to keep this worthy need before the people. once a month and at Thanksgiving.

Respectfully submitted,

H. D. WOODRUFF.

Remarks by H. D. Woodruff, H. E. Early, Lester Johnson.

Report adopted.

REPORT ON PASTOR AND CHURCH RELATIONS

The relations between the pastor and church are like unto the shepherd and his flock. The progress the church makes is due largely to the efforts that the pastor puts forth for the building up of the church, both in a spiritual and financial way. St. John 10, 4th and 5th verses exemplifies the relationship of pastor and church, "And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep followeth him, for they know his voice, and a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him, for they know not the voice of strangers."

If there ever were a time when the world need know the voice of the Shepherd it is now. When there are so many strange voices and doctrines prevailing the land. It should be the duty of the pastor to instruct the church in sound doctrine, and it's the duty of the church to obey the voice of the shepherd and fill their place in church every Sunday to hear the words of God preached and be ready to obey the teaching of Christ.

Respectfully submitted,

C. A. BURCHETTE.

Report adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

1. Missions—Marvin Brown, Bessie's Chapel.
2. Baptist Hospital—Geo. Walters, Elkin Valley.
3. Ministers' Relief—Earl James, First Elkin.
4. Orphanage—Mrs. Mable Newman, Cool Springs.
5. Pastor and Church Relation—Lloyd Pardue, East Elkin.
6. State of Churches—Clyde Burchette, Macedonia.
7. Periodicals—Walter Carter, Mt. Pleasant.
8. Christian Education—Miss Vermelle Money, Pleasant Hill.
9. Temperance—J. Q. Burcham, Pleasant Home.
10. Resolutions—Christy Alexander, White Plains.
11. Sunday Schools—Lester Johnson, Rock Creek.
12. Woman's Missionary Union—Mrs. Udy C. Wood.

Respectfully submitted,

M. L. PETTYJOHN,
H. F. TULBURT,
STEPHEN MORRISETT,
Committee.

Adjourn till Saturday, 10:00 A. M.

SATURDAY, 10:00 A. M.

Devotional by Rev. J. M. Wright, reading II Timothy, 1 to 15, and leading in prayer.

Moderator called Association toorder. Visitor: Leslie Campbell, Moderator, Little River Association.

REPORT ON STATE OF THE CHURCHES

Christ instituted the church, the greatest institution in the world. Our churches should hold up the high standard of Christian living. We believe that our church members should be full of the Holy Spirit and be ready at all times to give a reason for their hope. We can magnify the church of Christ by the life we live as members.

MARVIN BROWN.

Remarks by D. W. Day. Report adopted.

On motion and vote of Association, we secure a chart for Association.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

No amount of worldly education or culture can change man's nature. Only vital experience with our Savior can supply the spark that enables a teacher to impart the tenants of education in its fullest. We have quite a number who we feel can qualify in this regard and we should be thankful for them. Education required of the Israelites: "And these words which I command thee this day, shall be upon thine heart, and thou shalt teach them dilligently unto thy children." So we see that Christian Education, like charity, begins at home.

REV. LOYD PARDUE.

Remarks by Leslie Campbell. Report adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

"Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging, and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise."—Prov. 20:1. What is more obvious than the degraded environment that surrounds the sale and use of intoxicating liquors? Every one who uses liquor exposes himself to its corrupting influences; the companions of liquor are: graft and greed, strife and murder, suffering, sorrow and poverty. In the Bible, drunkenness is joined with the foulest of sins and the lot of drunkards is that of eternal punishment. In this world, drunkards are the companions of people of bad morals. Many have thought they could drink liquor without taking up the practices of those they have known to drink liquor only in a short time to find themselves indulging in the same bad practices that other users of liquor indulge in. The user of liquor has turned into paths of wicked men and his character will show the marks of sin. This evil will never be conquered until it is recognized as an evil, and men fight it with the whole armor of God.

Remarks by Victor H. Harrold. Report adopted.
Collection for United Dry Forces of N. C., $10.30.
Adjourn for lunch.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Song, "Glory Land Way." Devotional by Rev. R. E. Adams, reading 2nd Corinthians, 5th chapter, 1 to 15. (For your information, read it.)

Moderator called Association to order.

RESOLUTIONS

We as soldiers of Jesus Christ, be it resolved:

1. That we stand true and steadfast in His cause and try in every way possible to keep our lines unbroken, our faith unwavering, following ever where He our captain leads.

2. That we do willingly the little things that come to our hands, remembering, that small grains make the sand of the sea, small particles of earth form the world. All of us working together can scatter sunshine and gladness in our home, our church and community, spreading like the waves of a vast ocean.

3. That we remember at all times that we are wearing the uniform of a soldier in Christ Jesus and walk according to our pledges in love and understanding, in humility, giving God the glory for each thing accomplished by HIM through us his people.

4. That we give the thanks of an appreciative heart to our brethren here for the kind hospitality so cordially extended to this Association.

MRS. R. C. HARRIS, Committee.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

The Sunday Schools of our land today are to us who love them, a school that we attend to study God's word and to worship Him; however in days gone by the Sunday Schools also served as a school in which to learn to read and write that one might be able to study the inspired word of God.

Since so many people do not give God very much thought these days we should grasp the opportunities we have in Sunday School to present the living example of Jesus Christ to the attendants. It is necessary that He be presented often that His wonderful pattern of life be kept in mind. How shall people know how to live for God except they be taught?

According to the report made last year there were 2084 enrolled in the Sunday Schools of this Association. There was an average attendance of 1222. When we consider the 862 people that are absent during the year do we not feel an awakening in our souls that tends to make us want to urge these to come often and with us to take

Paul's advice to Timothy, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

Resptctfully submitted,
LORRAINE THARPE.

Remarks by C. C. Alexander, D. W. Day, E. M. Eldridge, V. H. Harrold. Report adopted

FINANCE REPORT

Finance Committee report money received from the churches, $52.52

D. W. DAY,
H. D. WOODRUFF,
W. F. CARTER, Committee.

REPORT ON TIME, PLACE AND PREACHER

We, the Committee, wish to report that the next session of the Elkin Association be held with Little Elkin Baptist church, four miles West of Elkin, beginning on Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1942, at ten o'clock A. M.

We recommend Rev. Stephen Morrisett to preach the Introductory Sermon; Rev. David Day, alternate.

REV. LOYD PARDUE,
MARVIN BROWN,
REV. E. G. JORDAN, Committee.

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS

Arvel Alexander	Elkin
Jas. S. Bryant	Roaring River
C. C. Cockerham	Roaring River
David W. Day	Elkin
Richard Day	Elkin
Lester Johnson	Hays
J. H. Luffman	Ronda
E. G. Jordan	Elkin
Levi McCann	Roaring River
Loyd J. Pardue	Elkin
B. F. Rollins	Elkin
John Weatherman	State Road

OUR DEPARTED ONES

BESSIE'S CHAPEL—
Mr. Elmer Cockerham

COOL SPRINGS—
Mrs. Sallie Benge
Mrs. Carrie Cummings
Mrs. Cordia Pettyjohn

ELKIN VALLEY—
Mr. John A. Roberts

EAST ELKIN—
Mr. Parks Gregory

FIRST BAPTIST—
Mr. J. G. Gilliam
Mr. J. S. Russell
Mr. S. L. Mastin
Mr. W. B. Douglass

LITTLE ELKIN—
Mr. D. Grady Settle

MT. PLEASANT—
Mrs. S. M. Arnold

PLEASANT HILL—
Mrs. Tommie Newman

ROCK CREEK—
Mr. B. F. Combs
Mr. Clarence Higgins
Mr. William Adams

SHOALY BRANCH—
Deacon R. G. Phillips
Deaconess Mrs. M. J. Phillips

WHITE PLAINS—
Mr. Charlie Jordan

TABLE I—Church Membership, Etc., Elkin Association, Year Ending September 30, 1941.

CHURCHES	Is it in Village, Town, Cit yor Country?	When Constituted	Pastors and Postoffices	Days of Meeting	Members Reported Last Year	GAINS				LOSSES				Total Present Members	Weekly Prayer Meet.	Revivals During Yr.	Obs. Lord's Supper	Rec. State Bap. Paper
						Baptisms	Letters	Statemetnts	Restorations	Letters	Exclusions	Erasures	Deaths					
Bessie's Chapel	C.	1934	R. J. Pardue, Elkin	3	38	4	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	41	no	3	1	....
Center	C.	1839	John Weatherman, State Road	1	46	....	....	....	....	2	....	....	....	44	no	1	1	....
Cool Springs	C.	1805	Grant Cothren, Traphill	2	216	6	7	....	....	1	....	....	3	225	yes	1	1	....
East Elkin	T.	1921	J. L. Powers, Elkin	3	234	1	....	....	....	8	....	....	2	225	yes	2	1	....
Elkin Valley	C.	1881	R. E. Adams, Mayodan	1	360	35	2	....	....	1	....	....	1	395	yes	2	1	....
First Baptist	T.	1889	Stephen Morrisett, Elkin	1 to 4	521	5	14	1	....	19	....	3	4	515	yes	2	4	24
Little Elkin	C.	1905	Lester Johnson, North Wilkesboro	4	184	4	3	....	....	3	....	7	1	180	no	2	1	....
Macedonia	C.	1876	L. J. Pardue, Elkin	1	159	3	2	....	....	2	....	....	1	161	no	1	1	....
Mt. Pleasant	C.	1887	B. F. Peeler, Taylorsville	1-2-3	146	12	11	....	....	2	....	....	1	166	yes	2	1	....
Pleasant Hill	V.	1897	D. W. Day, Elkin	1-3	435	27	6	1	1	7	....	....	1	462	no	2	1	....
Pleasant Home	C.	1884	Grant Cothren, Traphill	4	195	11	3	....	....	2	....	....	....	207	no	1	1	....
Poplar Springs	C.	1885	Richard Day, Elkin	3	138	12	....	1	....	1	....	....	....	150	no	1	1	....
Rock Creek	C.	1849	J. M. Wright, Union Grove	2	336	....	2	....	....	4	3	....	3	328	yes	1	1	....
Shoaly Branch	C.	1893	J. E. Hayes, North Wilkesboro	4	122	3	1	....	....	5	....	....	2	119	no	1	1	....
White Plains	C.	....	L. J. Pardue, Elkin	3	168	24	3	....	....	6	....	....	1	188	no	1	1	....

TABLE II—Sunday Schools of Elkin Baptist Association, Year Ending September 30, 1941.

CHURCHES	Superintendents and Postoffices	Cradle Roll, under 3	Beginners, 3 to 5	Primaries, 6 to 8	Juniors, 9 to 12	Intermediates, 13 to 16	Young People, 17 to 24	Adults, 25 Years Up	Extension Department	Gen. & Dept. Officers	Total Enrollment, Officers, Teachers & Pupils	Average Attendance	Baptisms From S. S.	Is the School Graded?	Is It Standard A1?	Teachers hold. diplomas	Enrollment of Vacation School	Av. Att. Vac. School
Bessie's Chapel	B. T. Southard, Elkin	....	....	10	15	....	17	11	....	6	57	50	....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....
Center		....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....
Cool Springs	Eugene Pettyjohn, Elkin	....	30	....	27	27	37	54	....	10	185	97	6	no	no	....	.....	.....
East Elkin	T. G. Gambill, Elkin	....	14	12	18	8	15	36	....	....	103	67	....	no	no	....	.....	.....
Elkin Valley	George M. Walters, Elkin	....	50	36	35	69	82	90	....	14	376	.....	....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....
First Baptist	T. A. Leeper, Elkin	32	20	35	63	69	61	179	42	4	505	197.5	4	yes	no	38	236	126
Little Elkin	Calon E. Walls, Ronda	....	17	....	26	....	35	32	....	4	114	66	2	.....	.....	....	.....	.....
Macedonia	C. A. Burchette, Ronda	20	21	....	18	8	20	33	....	7	117	50	2	no	no	....	.....	.....
Mt. Pleasant	J. W. Brookshire, State Road	....	22	11	21	25	52	51	....	3	185	52	10	yes	no	....	.....	.....
Pleasant Hill	Oscar Gentry, Elkin	72	12	25	38	56	68	88	25	18	402	192	....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....
Pleasant Home	Jas. E. McCann, Roaring River	....	21	15	....	20	38	21	....	9	124	60	11	yes	no	....	.....	.....
Poplar Springs	R. W. Gentry, State Road	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	....	....	162	77	....	no	.....	....	.....	.....
Rock Creek	Clarence Sebastian, N. Wilkesboro	....	13	....	15	12	15	8	....	6	69	.....	....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....
Shoaly Branch	O. H. Gentry, Benham	3	2	....	3	....	12	11	....	....	31	25	3	.....	.....	....	.....	.....
White Plains	C. C. Alexander, Roaring River	....	24	....	26	....	32	17	....	5	104	80	7	yes	no	....	.....	.....

TABLE III—Baptist Training Unions of Elkin Baptist Association for the Year Ending September 30, 1941.

CHURCHES	Director of Training Union and Post Office	Adult Unions	Young People's Unions	Intermediate Unions	Junior Unions	Total Unions	Adults Enrolled	Young People Enrolled	Intermediates Enrolled	Juniors Enrolled	Total Enrolled	No. Daily Bible Readers	No. Taking Study Course	Total Systametic Givers	Has Training Union been A1 for One Quarter?
Elkin Valley	R. H. Johnson, Elkin	1	1	1	2	5	10	17	40	46	113	62	56	6	no
Mt. Pleasant	Juanita Gentry										50	10			

TABLE IV—W. M. U. Organizations and Gifts and Men's Brotherhoods, Elkin Baptist Association, For Year Ending September 30, 1941.

CHURCHES	PRESIDENTS OF W. M. U. AND POST OFFICES	No. Woman's Missionary Societies	Number of Y. W. A.'s	Number of G. A.'s	Number of R. A.'s	Number of Sunbeams	Total W. M. U. Organizations	W. M. S. Members	Y. W. A.'s Members	R. A.'s Members	G. A.'s Members	Sunbeam Members	Total Members Enrolled	Total Enrolled in Mission Study Courses	Contributions (Local Work) Given by W. M. U.	Contributions (Missions) Given by W. M. U.	Grand Total for All Purposes Given by W.M.U. and all Organizations
East Elkin	Mrs. G. W. Creed, Elkin	1	1	1	....	1	4	10	14	22	....	20	66	....	....	$ 87.75	$ 87.75
Elkin Valley	Mrs. Lester Holloway, Elkin	1	1	2	....	....	4	15	20	40	....	....	75	....	....	39.18	39.18
First Baptist	Mrs. F. M. Norman, Elkin	6	1	3	1	1	12	127	15	33	10	11	196	....	....	1289.49	1289.49
Pleasant Hill	....	1	1	1	....	....	3	25	14	12	....	....	51	33	$132.00	99.80	231.80
Rock Creek	Mrs. Udy Wood, North Wilkesboro	1	....	1	1	....	3	14	....	17	12	....	43	....	....	....	29.18

East Elkin—Number Brotherhoods, 1; Enrollment Brotherhoods, 12.

TABLE V—Church Property of Elkin Baptist Association for the Year Ending September 30th, 1941.

CHURCHES	CHURCH CLERKS AND POST OFFICES	Does Church Own Its House of Worship?	When Was It Built?	Materials Used	Persons Seated	Number of Rooms	Dept. Assembly Rms.	Separate Class Rooms	Value of Church House and Grounds	Value of Pastor's Home	Total Value All Church Property	Indebtedness on All Church Property	Insurance Carried
Bessie's Chapel	A. C. Wall,, Elkin	yes	1934	wood	500	3	3	2	$2700.00		$2700.00		
Center	Ina Hinson, State Road	yes	1839	wood	400	1			800.00		800.00		
Cool Springs	Eugene Pettyjohn, Elkin	yes		wood	700	7	7	6	3250.00		3250.00		
East Elkin	C. W. Haynes, Elkin	yes	1921	*	300	8	7	7	4000.00		4000.00		
Elkin Valley	Hugh Couch, Elkin	yes	1914	wood	500	13		13	4000.00		4000.00	$190.00	$1500.00
First Baptist	Miss Willie Guyer, Elkin	yes		brick	300	33	6	28	45500.00	4500.00	50000.00	1756.25	21000.00
Little Elkin	Colon E. Walls, Ronda	yes	1905	wood	300	1			2000.00		2000.00		
Macedonia	E. F. Edwards, Ronda	yes	1896	wood	400	1			2500.00		2500.00		
Mt. Pleasant	J. F. Irvin, State Road	yes	1905	wood	400	8	7	7	3000.00		3000.00		
Pleasant Hill	Vermelle Money, Elkin	yes	1938	brick	800	28		20	18000.00		18000.00	5993.61	6000.00
Pleasant Home	J. W. Cheek, Roaring River	yes	1918	wood	500	1			1500.00		1500.00		
Poplar Springs	J. W. Gentry, State Road	yes	1939	wood	450	1			2700.00		2700.00		
Rock Creek	Earl J. Wiles, North Wilkesboro	yes		wood	400	1			1100.00		1100.00		
Shoaly Branch	W. F. Gilliam, Benham	yes	1894	wood	300	1			1000.00		1000.00		
White Plains	G. C. Tharpe, North Wilkesboro	yes		wood	300	1			1000.00		1000.00		

* Wood and Rock

TABLE VI—Gifts for Local Church Work of Elkin Baptist Association For the Year Ending September 30, 1941

CHURCHES	REGULAR TREASURERS AND POST OFFICES	Pastor's Salary	Other Salaries	Ministerial Help and Supply	Building and Repairs	Church Debt and Interest	Incidentals	Literature for S. S., B. Y. P. U. & W. M. S.	Help Given to Local Poor	Printing Minutes and Clerk of Association	Other Objects	(Local Work) Total For Local Purposes Given by Church and All Its Organizations
Bessie's Chapel	Gaither Wall, Rusk	$ 114.22		$45.46				$45.00		$2.00		$ 206.68
Center	C. L. Johnson, Thurmond	16.00		5.00						1.50		22.50
Cool Springs	R. C. Harris, Elkin	140.00		45.60	$193.55		$55.82	32.00		4.00		470.97
East Elkin	G. W. Creed, Elkin	171.35		132.89				222.11	$17.30	3.00	$11.50	558.15
Elkin Valley	M. H. Royal, Elkin	479.63	$88.23	102.00	266.58	$307.60	323.25	159.25	103.93	7.00	157.85	1995.32
First Baptist	L. F. Walker, Elkin	2466.70	315.00	253.02	3095.12	574.25	866.57	487.01	70.00	5.00	177.41	8310.58
Little Elkin	C. E. Walls, Ronda	110.50		41.15			23.49	25.00		3.50		203.64
Macedonia	E. F. Edwards, Ronda	116.73		22.50			18.00	25.00	3.50	3.00	62.35	251.08
Mt. Pleasant	T. A. Gentry, State Road	442.41			2.47		86.45	90.55		3.00	18.45	643.33
Pleasant Hill	E. F. Yarboro, Elkin	873.24		251.37	784.30	1127.10	316.21	150.06	92.77	6.00	65.10	3666.15
Pleasant Home	W. G. Burcham, Roaring River	80.00		10.00			15.00	17.00		3.00	8.00	133.00
Poplar Springs	Isaac Nance, State Road	160.00		48.02	240.00		26.09	34.90		3.00	45.03	557.04
Rock Creek	Earl J. Wiles, N. Wilkesboro	70.00		12.50	14.00		6.00	23.50	5.00	2.52		133.52
Shoaly Branch	W. F. Gilliam, Benham	105.00		15.40			15.00	7.00		2.50		144.90
White Plains	G. C. Tharpe, N. Wilkesboro	127.63		28.25	43.25		119.50	10.00		2.50		131.13

Pledged to Cooperative Program—First Baptist, Elkin, $1850.00.

TABLE VII—Gifts for Missions, Education and Benevolences, Elkin Baptist Association, For Year Ending Sept. 30, 1941

CHURCHES	REGULAR TREASURERS AND POST OFFICES	Total to Co-operative Program	Special to Associational Missions	Special to State Missions	Special to Home Missions	Special to Foreign Missions	Special to Schools and Colleges	Special to Theological Seminaries	Special to Orphanage	Special to Hospitals	Hundred Thousand Club	Red Cross and Foreign Relief	(Missions, etc.) Total for Missions & Benev. by Church & all depts.	Grand Total for All Purposes—Both Local Work & Missions—Given by Ch. & All Org.
Bessie's Chapel	Faither Wall, Rusk								$16.18	$ 3.03		$100.45	$119.66	$ 326.34
Center	C. L. Johnson, Thurmond													32.50
Cool Springs	R. C. Harris, Elkin								12.40	11.84			24.24	495.21
East Elkin	G. W. Creed, Elkin				$35.85		$ 2.00		53.57	10.00		19.31	132.93	691.08
Elkin Valley	M. H. Royal, Elkin	$ 3.75		$35.25	36.82	$22.38		$22.46	159.75	100.00	5.00		385.41	2380.23
First Baptist	L. F. Walker, Elkin	1462.23	$100.00	48.83	41.86	110.12	365.33	10.00	479.32	257.14	87.60	120.00	3082.43	11393.98
Little Elkin	C. E. Walls, Ronda								27.50			6.30	33.80	237.44
Macedonia	E. F. Edwards, Ronda								5.43	5.43			10.86	261.94
Mt. Pleasant	T. A. Gentry, State Road								2.50				2.50	645.83
Pleasant Hill	E. F. Yarboro, Elkin								16.82	26.08			42.90	3709.05
Pleasant Home	W. G. Burcham, Roaring River								7.10	5.25			12.35	145.35
Poplar Spring	Isaac Nance, State Road									15.50			15.50	572.54
Rock Creek	Earl J. Wiles, N. Wilkesboro	4.40			5.78	5.80			24.75		11.20	2.00	53.93	187.45
Shoaly Branch	W. F. Gilliam, Benham								3.75				3.75	148.65
White Plains	G. C. Tharpe, N. Wilkesboro								81.22	9.67			90.89	422.02

Special to Old Ministers' Relief—East Elkin, $12.20

MINUTES

OF THE

SIXTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

ELKIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

NORTH CAROLINA

CONVENED WITH

LITTLE ELKIN BAPTIST CHURCH

Oct. 3 and 4, 1942

E. M. ELDRIDGE, Moderator ..... Elkin, N. C.

J. W. CHEEK, Clerk ..... Roaring River, N. C.

The next session will be held with Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, 2 miles West of Elkin, beginning on Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1943.

PROCEEDINGS

of the

SIXTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION

of the

ELKIN MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Meeting With Little Elkin Baptist Church

Oct. 3 and 4, 1942

Devotional. Singing by Association. Rev. David W. Day reading 1st Psalm and leading in prayer.

Moderator called Association to order.

Visitors invited. Mr. McMillan, representing Mills Home.

Church letters called for and the following were handed in, read and messengers seated:

Bessie's Chapel—

Center—C. L. Johnson, Ovid Johnson.

Cool Springs—Eugene Pettyjohn, W. Wishon, C. Vestal, H. Haynes, M. L. Pettyjohn.

East Elkin—Rev. B. F. Rollins, G. L. Tilley.

Elkin Valley—H. D. Woodruff, B. C. Tulbert, Hallie Settle, Nevanda Collins.

First Baptist—Rev. Stephen Morrisett, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. James, Mrs. C. R. Alexander, Mrs. C. N. Myers.

Little Elkin—J. M. Vanhoy, James Byrd, Mrs. Percy Felts, Mrs. Ila Vanhoy.

Macedonia—E. F. Edwards, Mrs. John Hunt, Mrs. Harvey Church.

Mt. Pleasant—J. W. Brookshire, E. L. Golden, Luther Walters.

Pleasant Hill—Rev. D. W. Day, Dallas Carter, Charlie Burchette, W. Settle.

Pleasant Home J. Q. Burcham.

Poplar Springs—C. Newland, S. B. Mooney, Esker Hinson.

Rock Creek—Lester Johnson.

Shoaly Branch—W. F. Gilliam, J. A. Darnell.

White Plains—Coy McCann, Walter Bryant, G. C. Tharpe.

Committees appointed:

Finance—H. D. Woodruff, B. F. Rollins.

Religious Exercises—Revs. E. G. Jordan, D. W. Day, Stephen Morrisett.

Refreshments—Deacons of this church with the ladies of community.

Committee on Committees—Rev. Stephen Morrisett, B. C. Tulbert, J. W. Brookshire.

Time, Place and Preacher—Arvel Alexander, Claude Ray, Worth Tulbert.

On motion we elect Association Officers for another year by acclamation, and elected E. M. Eldridge Moderator, E. C. James, Assistant Moderator; J. W. Cheek, Clerk; Mrs. Harvey Church, Assistant Clerk; Lester Johnson, Orphanage Representative.

11:20 A. M.—Introductory Sermon by Rev. Stephen Morrisett. Text, 3rd chapter Habakkuk.

Committee on Religious Exercises report Rev. E. G. Jordan conduct devotional afternoon.

Adjourn till 1:00 P. M.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

1:00 P. M. Association reassembled.

Song, "Tell It To Jesus." Devotional by Rev. E. G. Jordan, reading 5th chapter 1st Thessalonians and vocalizing prayer.

Moderator called Association to order. Visitors invited. M. H. Kimball, of Mars Hill; Rev. J. C. Pipes, of Buncombe Association.

REPORT ON N. C. BAPTIST HOSPITAL

The last three years have been eventful in the expansion of the hospital. Three years ago the hospital had a bed capacity of 100 and by overcrowding, we were caring for about 4,000 patients per year.

Today, we have a modernly constructed and equipped hospital with a bed capacity of almost 10,000 patients annually, and now caring for about 650 patients per month.

We shall have this year not less than 2,500 service or free patients. This will represent, including hospital and medical service, about $250,000 in free service for this year.

The hospital has a staff of 26 internes and about 100 doctors practicing in the hospital. In addition, it has the free service of the entire staff of the Medical School whenever desired for consultation and diagnosis. Every department is thoroughly organized to give most efficient service possible.

The equipment, as well as the building, is entirely modern. The hospital recently added $20,000 worth of new instruments to the operating rooms and $44,000 worth of new X-Ray equipment, making an X-Ray department "None better in the South."

The hospital, in conjunction with the Medical School, has a floor-space of four acres and represents a value to the denomination of $2,000,000 with only a very small amount of indebtedness.

The purpose of the hospital shall remain as ever—to give hospital treatment to those who are unable to pay for same, educate nurses with Christian ideals, and at the same time, maintain a standard of scientific efficiency "second to none in the country." It is the abiding purpose of the management that it shall be definitely a Christian Institution with all that it implies.

This greatly expanded service which is growing more and more into every section of the state, of course, requires an increased support. This, we are glad to report, is growing year by year. In addition to the Mother's Day offering by the churches and Sunday Schools, which has increased in the last few years from $11,500 to about $38,000 this year, the hospital linens contributed by the W. M. U.'s and other church agencies has increased year by year.

GEORGE M. WALTERS.

Remarks by Mr. McMillan. Report adopted.

REPORT ON THE BAPTIST ORPHANAGE

In this report it is impossible to record the stories of physical, social and spiritual needs that are being made daily in your office of the Baptist Orphanage.

There are three classes of children now being cared for by the Orphanage, full Orphanage, and Mothers Aid, boarding homes and the Orphanage proper.

The demands upon the Orphanage authorities have never been greater. They receive upon an average of forty-five applications every month during the year. The average cost of running the Orphanage is approximately $500 a day.

We recommend that this Association name an Orphanage representative who will see that a representative is named in every Sunday School to keep this worthy need before the people, once a month and at Thanksgiving.

Respectfully submitted,

COMMITTEE.

Remarks by Mr. McMillan, J. L. Powers, J. C. Pipes. Report adopted.

REPORT ON OLD MINISTERS' RELIEF

Has God made any commitments regarding the care and maintenance of His old and infirm servants and ministers? Has God underwritten a Company with ample and solvent assets that will guarantee security to His ministers in their old age? Will the great and majestic God of all the Universe concern Himself with the material needs of one of His servants who has grown old in humble service?

The answers are all contained in the Book of Books. Let us glean a few of these answers for our profit. In Matthew 6, verses 31 and 33, Christ Jesus says, "Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? . . . . But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and **all these things shall be added unto you.**" Psalms 34:10,"The young lions do lack and suffer hunger: but they that seek the Lord shall not want any good thing." Psalms 33:18-19, "Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon them that fear him, upon them that hope in his mercy: To deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine." In Psalms 37:25, "I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread." And hear Philippians 4:19, "But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus."

What are the assets to guarantee the fulfillment of these promises and commitments? Psalms 24:1, "The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof; the world and they that dwell therein."

Our old ministers have stood in His holy place with clean hands and pure hearts—they have not sworn deceitfully nor have they lifted up their souls unto vanity. Truly can these noble saints claim, joyously and confidently, each for himself, the blessed promises, "He shall receive the blessing from the Lord, and righteousness from the God of his salvation."

Respectfully submitted,
EARL C. JAMES, for the Committee.

Remarks by E. C. James, J. L. Powers, J. C. Pipes. Report adopted.

REPORT ON W. M. U.

The first meeting of the Elkin W. M. U. Association was held on May 30, 1941, at Pleasant Hill Church.

The officers were as follows: Superintendent, Mrs. Udy Wood; Associate Superintendent, Mrs. Dallas Gilliam; Secretary, Mrs. Dallas Newman; Young Peoples Leader, Mrs. L. C. Holloway; Stewardship Chairman, Mrs. Leroy Porter; Mission Study, Mrs. W. O. Carter; Personal Service, Mrs. G. W. Creed; Margaret Fund and Training School, Mrs. Chas. Darnell; 100,000 Club, Mrs. Roy Collins.

The guest speaker on the program that day was Mrs. Phil White, of China, who spoke on "Our Relationship to Christ," 2 Corinthians, 5.

A love offering of $5.81 was given to her.

The second annual meeting of the Elkin W. M. U. Association was held on May 28th, 1942, at Rock Creek Church and the guest speaker was Miss Ruby Daniel, Missionary to Hungary, and her address was heard with a great deal of interest as she was ordered home on account of the war and her voyage was frought with peril on account of enemy submarines.

The following officers were elected: Superintendent, Mrs. C. N. Myers; Associate Superintendent, Mrs. Dallas Gilliam; Secretary, Mrs. Lester Holloway; Young Peoples Leader, Mrs. Udy Wood; Stewardship Chairman, Mrs. Leroy Porter; Mission Study, Mrs. F. P. Shoaf; Personal Service, Mrs. G. W. Creed; Margaret Fund and Training School, Mrs. Frithy Yarborough; 100,000 Club, Mrs. Grace Eads.

A conference of Associational Workers of the Elkin W. M. U. Association was held at the Elkin First Church on August 19th, with Miss Myrtle Zentmeyer, of the Raleigh W. M. U. Headquarters in charge. Methods, aims and points for emphasis were discussed. Representatives from four churches were present and a profitable meeting was enjoyed by all.

The following churches in the Association have one or more organized missionary societies:

East Elkin, Elkin Valley (2 circles), Elkin First (5 Junior circles), Little Elkin, Pleasant Hill (2 Junior circles), Rock Creek.

It is our earnest desire to see a missionary society in each and every church in the Elkin Association, and we ask the co-operation of the pastors in this Christian undertaking.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. C. N. MYERS,
Supt. Elkin W. M. U. Association.

Report adopted.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Today education, especially Christian, is facing one of the greatest crisis in history. If the young people of our country or community are to be educated the Christian people or church going ones will have to do it.

Our young men today who are leaving for the armed services need a lot of spiritual culture to help them overcome the trials and temptations of today.

The pastor of the church has a great responsibility in influencing the civilian people. Prov. 22:6, "Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it." "The horse is prepared against the day of battle," Prov. 21:31. Young people today must be prepared for the battles of life and it should begin at home.

MISS VERMELLE MONEY,
Committee.

Report adopted.

On motion adjourn until Saturday, 10:00 A. M.

SATURDAY 10:00 A. M.

Association met. Song, "We'll Work Till Jesus Comes." Devotional by Rev. Lester Johnson, reading 116th Psalm. Prayer by Rev. B. F. Rollins.

Moderator called Association to order.

REPORT ON MISSIONS

Today, in this age, we Baptist people should be more mission minded than ever before. Jesus gave the command, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Every one can have a part in winning those at home and abroad. There are many souls that know not the Lord and we have the opportunity to do home missions through our Sunday Schools. There we have a closer connection personally than we do in the regular church service. Every Sunday School should be a mission school, not only to those at home but to foreign missions also. I believe in foreign missions, yes, but "Charity begins at home." We need to do all in our power to Christianize the American homes in order to have more of the Divine Power to face the crisis that I fear is just in the near future.

I believe that every pastor, deacon, officer and teacher in the church needs "The Commission," or "World Journal" to be informed as to the progress of Christian work in the world around in order to present a complete picture to those he teaches. This magazine should be in every Southern Baptist home. I think we should pray earnestly about this mission matter, both home and foreign, and then act. Not every one can go to the foreign fields. We may not be able to preach like Paul and pray like Peter, but God has a mission for every one to perform. There should be an offering at least twice a year for this work. We must see that the people in the foreign countries who are ignorant concerning the Lord's Kingdom are taught the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. COMMITTEE.

Remarks by B. F. Rollins.

REPORT ON PASTOR AND CHURCH RELATIONS

The relations between the pastor and church are like unto the shepherd and his flock. The progress the church makes is due largely to the efforts that the pastor puts forth for the building up of the church, both in a spiritual and financial way. St. John 10, 4th and 5th verses exemplifies the relationship of pastor and church, "And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep followeth him, for they know his voice, and a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him, for they know not the voice of strangers."

If there ever were a time when the world need know the voice of the Shepherd it is now, when there are so many strange voices and doctrines prevailing in the land. It should be the duty of the pastor

to instruct the church in sound doctrine, and it's the duty of the church to obey the voice of the shepherd and fill their place in church every Sunday to hear the words of God preached and be ready to obey the teaching of Christ.

Respectfully submitted

COMMITTEE.

Remarks by Rev. Lester Johnson.

REPORT ON STATE OF THE CHURCHES

Christ instituted the church, the greatest institution in the world. Our churches should hold up the high standard of Christian living. We believe that our church members should be full of the Holy Spirit and be ready at all times to give a reason for their hope. We can magnify the church of Christ by the life we live as members.

COMMITTEE.

Remarks by Rev. Lester Johnson.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS

We all realize that the whole world is interested in reading as it is at war and most everybody is looking to see and read the United Press news, but we should give the Biblical Recorder, Charity and Children, Home and Foreign Fields the first place in our study as it is founded on the teaching of the Bible as it should mean to all of us. "We believe that the Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired and i sa perfect treasure of Heavenly instruction; that it has God for its author, salvation for its end, and truth, without any mixture of error, for its matter; that it reveals the principles by which God will judge us; and therefore is, and shall remain to the end of the world, the true center of Christian union, and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds, and opinions should be tried." Would it not be difficult to improve upon this as a statement of the Baptist position concerning the Bible?

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER F. CARTER.

Report adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

Temperance, we might speak of it as self control, or mastering one's appetite or passion.

Solomon in wisdom says in Prov. 23:20, "Be not among winebibbers." Prov. 23:21, "For the drunkard and the glutton shall come to poverty." 1st Cor., 6:10, "A drunkard shall not inherit the kingdom of God."

Those who do not control their appetite for strong drink will be overcome and when overcome are subject to any evil that confronts them.

Church members that participate in drinking, handling, upholding

or loafing around places of sale of alcohol are leading an evil influence.

We beg that all church members work against this evil that our coming generation may be a more fit people for God's service.

JOHN Q. BURCHAM.

Remarks by Rev. B. F. Rollins. Report adopted.

REPORT ON RESOLUTIONS

We soldiers of Jesus Christ, be it resolved:

1. That we as children of our Lord shall stand steadfast in His cause, and in every way possible uphold our faith in Him, and ever follow after our Lord and Master, Jesus Christ.

2. That we as Christians be willing to do the things that are pleasing to His will, let them be small or great, remembering always as a church to scatter sunshine and gladness in our home, our church and community where we live. To make our world a better place in which to live.

3. That we remember at all times to be a positive, spiritual people wherever we are, and under whatsoever circumstances they may be, and always giving God the glory for each thing accomplished by Him through us His people.

4. That we give thanks to Him our Lord for his goodness. May we as a church draw near unto Him, and give our best in Christian service.

C. C. ALEXANDER, Committee.

Remarks by Rev. B. F. Rollins. Report adopted.

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY

The American Bible Society, located on Park Avenue, 57th Street, New York, N. Y., during its 127 years of existence has published each year many millions of copies of the Bible and has translated the Bible into more than 1100 different languages. Our Southern Baptist Convention depends mainly upon the American Bible Society for its Bibles and Testaments. These Bibles and Testaments are printed, bound and distributed without a thought of a penny of profit, and without note or comment. These Bibles and Testaments are manufactured, distributed and sold more economically than any denomination or company could do it, because of mass production. Around 40 of the leading denominations of the United States are contributing to this company. The great British Society last year at a loss of $80,000.00 was put out of business for the duration by a German bomb. Therefore the greater responsibility and opportunity rests upon our American Bible Society. Some of these Bibles are given away, many are sold at a fraction of the cost to produce them. China is buying around 7,000,000 copies of the Bible annually. All of America south of the Rio Grande River and the Gulf of Mexico, including the West India Islands has become a vast Bible purchasing country. Our soldiers and prisoners of war are calling for Bibles and Testaments. The war famished

countries of Europe are begging for Bibles. Shall we give them the Word of God and the message of eternal life? The American Bible Society has at its head and management such men as Hon. Charles E. Hughes, L. L. D., Hon. John R. Mott, L. L. D., Carl Milican, L. L. D., Julius E. Beal, L. L. D., Henry Allen, L. L. D., Frank O. Lowden, L. L. D., Daniel Burke, L. L. D., Julius R. Jay, L. L. D., and others. May I request that each church of the Elkin Association be asked to contribute $1.00 or more annually, according to their financial strength, to this great Bible Society? The American Bible Society is interdenominational and international.

Sincerely,

B. F. ROLLINS.

Remarks by B. F. Rollins Adopted.

On motion and adoption the Association elected our Moderator, E. M. Eldridge, as a missionary to visit each church in the Elkin Association with a message during the next year.

On motion adjourn until 1:30 P. M.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

1:30 P. M. Devotional by E. M. Eldridge reading 14th chapter of St. Matthew.

Song, "What A Friend We Have In Jesus."

Moderator called Association to order.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

Sunday School to the Christian is a place of joy and happiness, where he can study God's word and learn more of the love of Christ.

If we would follow Christ's example, (Luke, 13:10, And he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath,) we would be faithful attendants at Sunday School.

Solomon said, Prov. 22:6, "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old he will not depart from it." There is no better place to train the child than in the home, then Sunday School comes next. In our Association of 15 churches there was in 1941 a total church membership of 3406. In our Sunday Schools there was a total enrollment of 2644. This means that we lack 762 having as many enrolled in Sunday School as we have members in our churches. Out of the 2644 enrolled we had an average attendance of 1073, which leaves 1571 who are not attending Sunday School regularly, to say nothing of the members who are not enrolled in Sunday School.

Therefore we urge all our pastors to work with our Sunday School Superintendents to try to increase our Sunday School attendance. Then we recommend all of our churches to secure consecrated Christian teachers in our Sunday Schools.

LESTER JOHNSON, Committee.

Remarks by Lester Johnson, B. F. Rollins, H. D. Woodruff, E. M. Eldridge. Report adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

1. Missions—Mrs. E. C. James.
2. Hospital—Mrs. Bill Walters.
3. Ministers' Relief—Mr. B. F. Rollins.
4. Orphanage—Mrs. Emily Holloway.
5. Pastor and Church Relation—Mr. David Day.
6. W. M. U.—Mrs. Church.
7. State of Churches—Mr. E. Eldridge.
8. Periodicals—Miss Vermelle Money.
9. Christian Education—Stephen Morrisett.
10. Temperance—Miss Lula Johnson.
11. Resolutions—Mrs. Mable Newman.
12. Orphanage Representative—Lester Johnson.
13. Sunday School Superintendent—G. L. Hill.

Respectfully submitted,

STEPHEN MORRISETT, Chm.,
J. W. BROOKSHIRE,
W. TULBERT, Committee.

Report approved and adopted.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Amount received from churches $60.00

H. D. WOODRUFF,
B. F. ROLLINS, Committee.

REPORT ON TIME, PLACE AND PREACHER

Place: Pleasant Hill, 2 miles west of Elkin.
Time: Friday and Saturday before the first Sunday in Oct., 1943.
Preacher: Rev. E. G. Jordan.
Hour: 10:00 A. M.

REV. D. W. DAY,
REV. E. G. JORDAN, Committee.

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS

Arvel Alexander	Elkin
J. S. Bryant	Roaring River
C. C. Cockerham	Roaring River
David W. Day	Elkin
Richard Day	Elkin
Lester Johnson	Hays
J. H. Luffman	Ronda
W. B. Luffman	North Wilkesboro
E. G. Jordan	Elkin
Levi McCann	Roaring River
L. J. Pardue	Elkin
J. L. Powers	Elkin
B. F. Rollins	Elkin
John Weatherman	State Road

OUR DEPARTED ONES

CENTER—

Mr. Troy Spicer
Mr. W. F. Holcomb

COOL SPRINGS—

Mr. David Wishon

ELKIN VALLEY—

Mrs. S. A. Johnson
Mr. Edgar Beborde
Mrs. Nannie Burchette Stone
Mrs. George M. Newman
Mrs. Theresa Willey
Deacon Arthur Darnell

FIRST—

Mr. T. A. Leeper

MACEDONIA—

Mr. R. T. W. Durham
Mrs. John K. Tharpe

MT. PLEASANT—

Mr. J. S. Gentry

PLEASANT HILL—

Mr. Gus Shore
Mr. Bartlet Couch
Mr. Gus Darnell
Mr. George Couch

ROCK CREEK—

Miss Dosha Whitley

WHITE PLAINS—

Mrs. J. S. Bryant

TABLE I—Church Membership, Etc., Elkin Association, Year Ending September 30, 1942.

CHURCHES	Is it in Village, Town, City or Country?	When Constituted	PASTORS AND POST OFFICES	Days of Meeting	Members Reported Last Year	GAINS				LOSSES				Total present members	Weekly Prayer Meet.	Revivals During Yr.	Obs. Lords Supper	Rec. State Bap. Paper
						Baptisms	Letters	Statements	Restorations	Letters	Exclusions	Erasures	Deaths					
Bessie's Chapel	C.	1934	R. J. Pardue, Jonesville	3	41	3	3							47	no	1	1	
Center	C.	1839	John Weatherman, State Road	1	44	3				2			2	43		1	1	
Cool Springs	C.	1805	Grant Cothren, Traphill	2	225	27	7			4			1	254	yes	2	1	
East Elkin	T.	1921	J. L. Powers, Elkin	3	225	7	1	1		8				226	yes	2	1	1
Elkin Valley	C.	1881	R. E. Adams, Mayodan	1	395	2	4	2		11			6	386	yes	2	1	
First Baptist	T.	1889	Stephen Morrisett, Elkin	1	515	21	6			14		6	1	521	yes	1	4	25
Little Elkin	C.	1905	Willie Luffman, N. Wilkesboro R. 2	4	181	8	4		1	4	1			181	no	2	1	
Macedonia	C.	1876	Loyd Pardue, Elkin	1	161	10	1						2	170	no	1	1	
Mt. Pleasant	C.	1887	B. F. Peeler, Taylorsville	1	166	18		1	2	4			1	181		2	2	
Pleasant Hill	V.	1897	D. W. Day, Elkin	1	462	12	14	2		7			4	479		2		4
Pleasant Home	C.	1884	Grant Cothren, Traphill	4	207	1	1			5				204	no	1	1	
Poplar Springs	C.	1885	Richard Day, Elkin	3	150	4	6			1				159	no	2	1	
Rock Creek	C.	1849	J. M. Wright, Union Grove	2	308	4	4						1	327	no	1	1	
Shoaly Branch	C.	1884	J. E. Hayes, Nortn Wilkesboro	4	120								1	119		1	1	
White Plains	C.		L. J. Pardue, Elkin	3	188	5	5			4			1	193		1	1	

TABLE II—Sunday Schools of Elkin Baptist Association, Year Ending Sept. 30, 1942.

CHURCHES	ASSOCIATIONAL SUPT. G. L. Hill, Elkin, N. C. SUPERINTENDENTS AND POST OFFICES	Cradle Roll, under 3	Beginners, 3 to 5	Primaries, 6 to 8	Juniors, 9 to 12	Intermediates, 13 to 16	Young People, 17-24	Adults, 25 years up	Extension Department	Gen. & Dept. Officers	Total Enrollment, Officers, Teachers & Pupils	Average Attendance	Baptisms from S. S.	Is the School Graded?	Teachers hold. diplomas	Enrollment Vac. School	Av. Att. Vac. School
Bessie's Chapel	B. T. Southard, Elkin, R. 1	....	....	13	15	....	13	18	....	6	65	60	3	no	....	....	....
Center		....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Cool Springs	Eugene Pettyjohn	....	11	....	15	13	21	44	....	10	114	76	8	no	....	....	....
East Elkin	Burres Gray, Jonesville	....	25	15	22	10	12	36	....	10	120	50	7	no	....	45	36
Elkin Valley	G. M. Walters	....	34	32	38	55	75	102	....	....	331	210	1	no	....	....	....
First Baptist	Mrs. C. N. Myers, Elkin	4	16	29	55	53	24	131	21	4	337	188	21	yes	21	88	69
Little Elkin	Martin Luffman, Ronda	....	26	....	33	....	35	32	....	4	130	92	7	....	....	....	....
Macedonia	C. A. Burchette, Ronda	....	13	13	18	8	14	16	....	8	82	51	10	....	....	....	....
Mt. Pleasant	J. W. Brookshire, State Road	....	17	16	29	29	49	55	....	3	198	50	18	....	....	....	....
Pleasant Hill	Louis Petree, Elkin	72	14	34	52	50	70	110	....	7	411	224	....	....	....	....	....
Pleasant Home	J. L. Jordan, Roaring River	....	21	11	16	20	38	21	10	....	137	....	....	....	....	....	....
Poplar Springs	R. W. Gentry, State Road	11	31	....	32	15	15	57	....	7	168	85	....	....	....	....	....
Rock Creek	J. A. Sebastian, North Wilkesboro	....	13	....	15	8	14	12	....	5	62	49	3	....	....	....	....
Shoaly Branch	Mrs. Callie Mastin, Benham	3	....	6	....	....	....	20	....	....	29	20	....	....	....	....	....
White Plains	C. C. Alexander, Roaring River	....	25	....	20	....	35	30	....	2	112	83	3	....	....	....	....

TABLE III—Baptist Training Union of Elkin Baptist Association for the Year Ending September 30, 1942.

CHURCH	Director of Training Union Ray H. Johnson, Elkin	Adult Unions	Young People's Unions	Intermediate Unions	Junior Unions	Total Unions	Adults Enrolled	Young People Enrolled	Intermediates Enrolled	Juniors Enrolled	Total Enrolled	No. Daily Bible Readers	No. Taking Study Course	No. General and Departmental Officers
Elkin Valley	G. M. Walters, Elkin	1	1	1	2	5	19	8	33	28	88	31	65	12

TABLE IV—W. M. U. Organizations and Gifts, Elkin Baptist Association, for the Year Ending September 30, 1942.

CHURCHES	PRESIDENTS OF W. M. S. AND POST OFFICES	No. W. M. S.	No. of Y. W. A.'s	No. of G. A.'s	No. of R. A.'s	No. of Sunbeams	Total W.M.U. Org.	W. M. S. Members	Y. W. A.'s Members	G. A.'s Members	R. A.'s Members	Sunbeam Members	Total Members Enrolled	Contributions (Local Work) Given by W.M.U.	Contributions (Missions) Given by W. M. U.
East Elkin	Mrs. G. W. Creed, Elkin	1	1	1	....	....	4	12	16	22	....	20	70	.....	$ 36.31
Elkin Valley	Mrs. Lester Holloway, Elkin	2	1	1	....	....	4	32	15	14	....	....	61	$3.99	42.31
First Baptist	Mrs. F. M. Norman	1	1	3	1	1	7	127	18	41	20	12	218	.....	1728.49

TABLE V—Church Property of Elkin Baptist Association for the Year Ending September 30th, 1942.

CHURCHES	CHURCH CLERKS AND POST OFFICES	Does Church Own Its House of Worship?	When Was It Built?	Materials Used	Persons Seated	Number of Rooms	Dept. Assembly Rms.	Separate Class Rooms	Value of Church House and Grounds	Value Pastor's Home	Total Value All Church Property	Indebtedness on all Church Property	Insurance Carried
Bessie's Chapel	A. C. Wall, Elkin, R. 1	yes	1934	wood	500	3	2	2	$2700.00		$3000.00	none	none
Center	Ima Hinson, State Road	yes	1839	wood	400	1			800.00				
Cool Springs	Eugene Pettyjohn, Elkin	yes		wood	700	7	6	6	3250.00		3250.00	none	none
East Elkin	L. H. Henderson, Elkin	yes	1921	wood	300	8	7	7	4000.00		4000.00		
Elkin Valley	Hugh Couch, Elkin	yes	1914	wood	500	12		11	4000.00		4000.00		1500.00
First Baptist	Mrs. Zeno Dobbins, Elkin	yes		brick	300	33	6	28	45500.00	$4500.00	50000.00		21000.00
Little Elkin	Colon E. Walls, Ronda	yes	1905	wood	350	1			2000.00		2000.00		
Macedonia	E. F. Edwards, Ronda	yes	1896	wood	400	1			2500.00		2550.00	none	none
Mt. Pleasant	W. F. Carter, State Road	yes	1905	wood	400	8		7	3000.00		3000.00		
Pleasant Hill	Miss Vermelle Money, Elkin	yes	1938	brick	800	20		20	18000.00		18000.00	$2978.98	6000.00
Pleasant Home	J. W. Cheek, Roaring River	yes		wood	500				1000.00		1000.00		
Poplar Springs	J. W. Gentry, State Road	yes	1939	wood	400	1			3000.00		3000.00		1500.00
Rock Creek	W. B. Luffman, N. Wilkesboro	yes		wood	400	1			1000.00		1000.00		
Shoaly Branch	W. F. Gilliam, Benham	yes	1894	wood	300	1			1000.00		1050.00		
White Plains	G. C. Tharpe, North Wilkesboro	yes		wood	300	1			1000.00		1000.00		

TABLE VI—Gifts for Local Church Work of Elkin Baptist Association for the Year Ending September 30, 1942.

CHURCHES	REGULAR TREASURERS AND POST OFFICES	Pastor's Salary Paid This Year	Other Salaries	Ministerial Help and Supply	Building and Repairs Spent This Year	Church Debt and Interest	Incidentals	Literature for S. S., B. Y. P. U. & W. M. S.	Help Given to Local Poor	Printing Minutes and Clerk of Association	Other Objects	(Local Work) Total for Local Purposes Given by Church and All Its Organizations.
Bessie's Chapel	Gaither Wall, Rusk	$155.03					$ 46.61	$ 7.85	$63.05	$2.06	$12.00	$336.60
Center	C. L. Johnson, Thurmond	28.75								3.00		31.75
Cool Springs	R. C. Harris, Elkin	180.32		$109.28	$ 5.40		58.11	36.89		5.00		395.00
East Elkin	G. W. Creed, Elkin	232.32		50.00		890.00	155.84	33.41	33.00	3.00	25.00	1422.57
Elkin Valley	M. H. Royal, Elkin	431.76	$79.20	129.60	1030.95	190.00	176.48	170.00	68.10	8.00	178.60	2467.69
First Baptist	L. F. Walker, Elkin	2500.00	120.00	200.00	1397.55	285.00	1053.32	274.43	2.00	5.00	565.00	6734.10
Little Elkin	C. E. Walls, Ronda	132.71		14.00			31.14	33.39		4.25	6.75	222.24
Macedonia	E. F. Edwards, Ronda	121.70		37.16			30.95	25.00		3.00		217.81
Mt. Pleasant	J. A. Gentry, State Road	560.94					87.27	48.30		3.00	19.45	718.96
Pleasant Hill	E. F. Yarboro, Elkin	910.00		177.75	117.91	3340.10	429.58	116.26	115.41	6.00		5213.01
Pleasant Home	W. G. Burcham, Roaring River	90.00		15.00			16.00	17.00		3.00		141.00
Poplar Springs	J. W. Gentry, State Road	224.91		27.50	100.00		50.50	51.00		3.35	21.49	479.34
Rock Creek	W. B. Luffman, N. Wilkesboro, R. 2	140.32		5.00			10.00	21.48	14.83	4.10	12.67	208.40
Shoaly Branch	W. F. Gilliam, Benham	105.00		15.00			68.00			2.50		194.50
White Plains	G. C. Tharpe, North Wilkesboro	113.35		47.16			10.87	57.57		3.52		232.37

TABLE VII—Gifts for Missions, Education, Benevolences, Elkin Baptist Association, Year Ending Sept. 30, 1942.

CHURCHES	REGULAR TREASURERS AND POST OFFICES	Total to Co-operative Program	Special to Associational Missions	Special to State Missions	Special to Home Missions	Special to Foreign Missions	Special to Schools and Colleges	Special to Orphanage	Special to Hospitals	Hundred Thousand Club	Other Objects	(Missions) Total given for Missions & Benev. by Church & all Depts.	Grand Total for All Purposes—Both Local Work & Missions—Given by Ch. & All Org.
Bessie's Chapel	Gaither Wall, Rusk							$17.08				$ 17.08	$353.20
Center	C. L. Johnson, Thurmond												31.35
Cool Springs	R. C. Harris, Elkin				$27.10			20.00	$14.80			61.90	456.90
East Elkin	G. W. Creed, Elkin		$7.00	$10.00			$3.00	5.00	28.00			53.17	1475.74
Elkin Valley	M. H. Royal, Elkin			18.40	42.31			112.00	100.00		$11.00	283.71	2746.40
First Baptist	L. F. Walker, Elkin	$1848.92		43.05	76.82	94.77	82.40	533.64	58.64	$111.74	146.06	2996.02	9730.12
Little Elkin	C. E. Walls, Ronda							54.35	5.75			60.10	282.34
Macedonia	E. F. Edwards, Ronda							93.47	3.00			96.47	314.28
Mt. Pleasant	T. A. Gentry, State Road							6.10	8.80			14.90	733.86
Pleasant Hill	E. F. Yarboro, Elkin							21.58	43.66		79.49	144.73	5357.74
Pleasant Home	W. G. Burcham, Roaring River							15.00	14.00			29.00	159.00
Poplar Springs	J. W. Gentry, State Road							23.00	6.00			29.00	508.34
Rock Creek	W. B. Luffman, N. Wilkesboro, R. 2				12.65	6.75		14.29	6.00	3.00	8.00	50.69	259.09
Shoaly Branch	W. F. Gilliam, Benham							10.00	5.00			15.00	107.00
White Plains	G. C. Tharpe, North Wilkesboro			4.54		5.52		47.57	10.00			67.63	300.00

MINUTES

OF THE

SIXTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

ELKIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

NORTH CAROLINA

HELD WITH

PLEASANT HILL BAPTIST CHURCH

October 1, 1943

E. M. ELDRIDGE, Moderator ..... Elkin, N. C.

J. W. CHEEK, Clerk ..... Roaring River, N. C.

The next session will be held with West Elkin Baptist Church, on Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1944, beginning at 10:00 A. M.

PROCEEDINGS

of the

SIXTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION

of the

ELKIN MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Meeting With Pleasant Hill Baptist Church

October 1st, 1943

Devotional. Singing by Association. Rev. C. M. Stricland reading 46th Psalm. Prayer by C. E. Parker.

Moderator called Association to order. Visitors invited. Edgar Hayes, Stone Mountain Association, Rev. M. O. Alexander, representing Missions, C. E. Parker, N. C. Baptist Hospital, C. M. Stricland.

Church letters called for and the following were handed in, read and messengers seated:

Bessie's Chapel—B. T. Southard, Gaither Walls, A. C. Wall, Marvin Stanly.

Center—C. L. Johnson.

Cool Springs—Eugene Pettyjohn, C. B. Lewis, O. P. Holbrook, M. L. Pettyjohn.

East Elkin—Glenn Cooke, G. W. Creed.

Elkin Valley—H. D. Woodruff, Neel Collins, Etta Darnell, Hallie Couch.

First Baptist—Rev. Stephen Morrisett, Mr. and Mrs. Earl James, Addie Davis.

Little Elkin—James T. Byrd, J. M. Vanhoy.

Macedonia—T. L. Byrd, E. F. Edwards, Mrs. Harvey Church, Mrs. C. R. Byrd.

Mt. Pleasant—Not represented.

Pleasant Hill—Dallas Carter, Claude Ray, Russell Transou.

Pleesant Home—J. W. Cheek, J. L. Jordan, J. B. Edwards.

Poplar Springs—Clarence Newman, S. B. Mooney, K. F. Ray, Mrs. K. F. Ray, R. W. Gentry.

Rock Creek—Rev. W. B. Luffman, Rev. Lester Johnson, Mrs. Alice Johnson, Mrs. Lester Johnson, Mrs. Bessie Tharpe.

Shoaly Branch—W. F. Gilliam, J. A. Darnell, Mrs. Callie Gilliam.
West Elkin—John Smith, Ed Murphy, Mrs. Cecil Hooper.
White Plains—G. C. Tharpe.

On reading a resolution and church letter from West Elkin Baptist Church, with request for membership in the Elkin Association, which was gladly received, with the messengers in full fellowship and welcomed among us.

On motion we elect Association Officers. Elected E. M. Eldridge, Moderator; E. C. James, Assistant Moderator; J. W. Cheek, Clerk; Mrs. Harvey Church, Assistant Clerk; Rev. Lester Johnson, Orphanage Representative; Walter Combs, Sunday School Representative.

Committees appointed:

Finance—H. D. Woodruff, D. W. Day, Dallas Carter.

Refreshments—Pastor and deacons of this church.

Committee on Committees—Stephen Morrisett, E. C. James, Claude Ray.

Time, Place and Preacher—T. L. Byrd, Glenn Cook, Clarence Newman.

On motion of Association we give Rev. M. O. Alexander 25 or 30 minutes to discuss missions now.

Introductory Sermon by Rev. E. G. Jordan, reading 7th chapter of 2nd Chronicles. Text, 14th verse.

Committee on Religious Exercises report Rev. Lester Johnson conduct devotional afternoon.

12:30—Adjourn till 1:30.

AFTERNOON

Association reassembled.

Song No. 245. Rev. Lester Johnson reading 116 Psalm and leading in prayer.

Moderator called Association to order.

REPORT ON N. C. BAPTIST HOSPITAL

The Baptist Hospital has completed a full year with its enlarged facilities. Instead of caring for 4,000 patients as formerly, we have had 12,000 the past year, 1942. It is again becoming increasingly difficult to provide for the growing numbers of sick who come for treatent—an average of 33 each day.

Of these 12,000 patients who were treated last year, 4,000 were service patients; that is, were unable to pay a hospital bill. These

are the sick for whom our Mother's Day Offering is made. It is also interesting to note that 4,000 of this 12,000 patients were mothers who had, here and there in our state, 12,000 children waiting anxiously for her return. We had also about 175 ministers, returned missionaries, ministerial students and children from our orphanage for whom no charge was made.

The Hospital Training School for Nurses has 116 students in training, 51 staff and graduate nurses, with an addition of 22 nurses and Red Cross Aids, making a nursing staff of 189.

It is one of the functions of the Baptist Hospital to educate as many nurses as possible with the Christian ideal of service. These are always selected so as to represent as nearly as possible every section of our state.

Although quite a number of our medical staff are constantly going into the service of our country, we still have a staff of about 75 doctors, almost all of whom are specialists in the several fields of medicine and surgery.

These two institutions—Hospital and Medical School—represent a money value to the denomination of $2,000,000.

It is with just pride, we trust, that the American Medical Association has given the Baptist Hospital the highest rating of any hospital in the entire south, save one.

The hospital desires to express to the members of this Association their appreciation for the best Mother's Day offering ever, and also to the W. M. U.'s and other church agencies this same appreciation for their generous contributions of hospital linen.

This hospital was built and has operated for these 20 years with one great fundamental purpose: that it shall be an institution through which the half million Baptist of our state may render a definite Christian Service to sick and suffering humanity who could not, in most instances, have hospital treatment otherwise. It is the purpose of the denomination and the management that it shall forever remain true to this one purpose in addition to its wider service.

MRS. BILL WALTERS.

Remarks by Rev. C. E. Parker. Report adopted.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS

Today the Baptist people have time to read and are interested in the news and condition of the world. They don't seem to realize that there is another world and life that means more than this one. There is always interesting news and words of good cheer to be found in the Divine Book. The Biblical Recorder and Charity and Children are far more helpful than our newspapers today spiritually. And if we are to be successful and victorious in the crisis the world is in we must not forget to read something that will help us have more faith and prepare us against temptation. We are told in the Bible to study to show ourself approved and if we are true Christians we will not neg-

lect to read and study the more important literature that is written by inspired authors.

VERMELLE MONEY, Committee.

Adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

Temperance, we might speak of it as self control, or mastering one's appetite or passion.

Solomon in wisdom says in Prov. 23:20, "Be not among wine-bibbers." Prov. 23:21, "For the drunkard and the glutton shall come to poverty." 1st Cor., 6:10, "A drunkard shall not inherit the kingdom of God."

Those who do not control their appetite for strong drink will be overcome and when overcome are subject to any evil that confronts them.

Church members that participate in drinking, handling, upholding or loafing around places of sale of alcohol are leading an evil influence.

We beg that all church members work against this evil that our coming generation may be a more fit people for God's service.

JOHN Q. BURCHAM.

REPORT ON BAPTIST ORPHANAGE

The Orphanage to some of you is just a word you hear now and then. You don't stop to think of its true meaning. But to hundreds of boys and girls it has been home. It means love, friendship. The better things of life are truly outstanding. It means everything fine and noble.

One boy who was taken to the Orphanage when he was a very small child has the following to say about the passing of his mother: "While we were saddened at Mother's sudden passing, we took comfort in the fact that our other mother would be here as long as both the mothered and North Carolina Baptist keep life in her in the usual manner."

The boys and girls of our Baptist Orphanage are depending on and believing in each of you Baptist. I am sure you will continue to make it possible for them to have foster parents and a lovely Christian home.

If you are in the habit of reading Charity and Children you know something of what these boys and girls are doing after leaving the Orphanage. Let us pray that our work may go forward.

Prayerfully,

MRS. EMILY L. HOLLOWAY.

Remarks by Rev. Lester Johnson. Adopted.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ELKIN W. M. U. ASSOCIATION OCTOBER 1943

The annual meeting of the Elkin W. M. U. Association was held at the East Elkin Baptist Church, May 27th, 1943, and the following program was given:

Theme: Christ Pre-eminent.

Hymn—"All Hail the Power of Jesus Name."

Repeat in unison, the watchword for the year, Isaiah 37:20, "That all the earth may know that thou art the Lord, even thou only."

Devotional—Col. 1:18, "That in all things He might have pre-eminence."—Miss Addie Davis.

Appointment of Committees—Resolutions: Mrs. T. L. Parnell, Chairman, Mrs. Parks Hampton, Mrs. O. K. Richardson, Mrs. Emily Holloway. Time and Place for Next Year's Meeting: Mrs. Brady Settle, Chairman, Mrs. G. W. Creed, Mrs. C. R. Alexander, Miss Nilta Sebastian, Mrs. Edward Darnell. Nominating Committee: Mrs. F. M. Norman, Chairman, Mrs. Paul Fletcher, Mrs. LeRoy Porter, Mrs. Robert Wilmoth, Mrs. Nona Smoot.

Then reports were heard from the following:

Superintendent, Mrs. C. N. Myers; Chairmen of Committees: Community Missions, Mrs. G. W. Creed; Stewardship, Mrs. LeRoy Porter; Mission Study, Mrs. F. P. Shoaf.

Special Music—Solo: "Satisfied With Jesus."—Mrs. Parks Hampton.

Address—"Christ Exalted In All the Kingdoms of the Earth."—Mrs. D. F. Stamps, Missionary from China, on furlough.

Lunch Hour. The lunch was provided by the W. M. S. of the five churches in the Elkin W. M. U. Association.

Hymn—"When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder."

Scripture and Prayer—Rev. 3:21-23—Mrs. W. T. Carter.

Open Conference conducted by State worker—Mrs. R. K. Redwine.

Reports of Committees—Christian Education, Mrs. E. C. James, Supt. Wilkesboro Division.

Officers elected for year 1943—Supterintendent, Mrs. C. N. Myers; Assistant Superintendent, Mrs. Dallas Gilliam; Young Peoples' Leader, Mrs. Edith PeTree; Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. L. C. Holloway. Committee Chairmen: Stewardship, Mrs LeRoy Porter; Mission Study, Mrs. F. P. Shoaf; Community Missions, Mrs. G. W. Creed; Margaret Fund and Training School, Mrs. Robert Transou; 100,000 Club, Mrs. Grace Eads.

Number churches in Association	15	
Number Women and Children in churches with W. M. S.		1361
Number churches with W. M. S.	5	
Number Members in W. M. S.	191	
Number Members in Y. W. A.	63	
Number Members in G. A.	53	
Number Members in R. A.	20	
Number Members in Sunbeams	12	
Total	339	339
Unenlisted		922

Total Gifts for the Year for all purposes $1618.48
Number Biblical Recorders 26
Number Royal Service Magazines 40

The next annual meeting will be held at the First Baptist Church of Elkin, in May.

Additional items of interest:

During the week of July 17-24, 1943, we had three state workers from the W. M. U. Headquarters in Raleigh, working in the Elkin Association.

Mrs. John Waycaster from Cherryville, was a guset of the W. M. S. of the Rock Creek Church, and spent the entire week with them.

Miss Louise Bashford was the guest of the Elkin Valley Church and she assisted with their Daily Vacation Bible School, and taught Mission Study to the W. M. S.

Miss Katherine Abee divided her time between East Elkin and Elkin First, teaching Missions to all groups.

We were especially glad to have several ministers present at our annual Associational Meeting, and we hope that they and others will attend our meeting next May, at the First Baptist Church in Elkin.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. HARVEY CHURCH.

REPORT ON PASTOR AND CHURCH RELATIONS
(Mutual Connections Between Pastor and Church)

Where there are mutual connections between pastor and church, there are also understandings, as to what each should have reason to expect of the other.

First: The church has reason to expect the pastor to fill his regular appointments promptly. Then should not the pastor have reason to expect the members to be assembled at the church, at the appointed hour of worship? We think so.

Second: The church has reason to expect the pastor to be prepared both spiritually and intellectually to bring a gospel message at each appointment, that will be heart thrilling and inspiring. This being true, the pastor should have reason to expect the church to hold him up to a Throne of Grace, in their prayers, and come to the services with open hearts ready to receive the preached word with gladness.

Third: The church may expect the pastor to visit the sick, conduct funerals of departed loved ones, and be prepared to give spiritual advice to any and all officers and members, at any and all times when called upon. Even the unsaved have reason to expect him to earnestly seek to lead them to Christ. The general public has reason to expect him to adorn himself in such a way as not to bring reproach upon the high calling of his profession, and the sacred cause which he represents. The church, the unsaved, and the general public expects him to pay his bills promptly, and for him to fail to do so certainly brings

reproach upon him, the church, and the cause of Christ. No one is more conscious of these things than the pastor himself. Then should he not have reason to expect the church to financially enable him to do these things? We think so.

Why let the pastor guess what his financial aid is to be from the church? Why not let him know at least what he may expect in a financial way from the church?

Respectfully submitted,
DAVID W. DAY, Committee.

Remarks by D. W. Day. Adopted.

REPORT ON STATE OF THE CHURCHES

Our church buildings are still being used as places of Godly worship, most of which are convenient and comfortable, though some are small. All have good roads leading to them. Our membership is larger, and our giving to the different causes has increased. Our Christian influence is very dim as to what should be.

Seems like our churches are going for formality and membership rather than spirituality.

We recomend that ministers and all true Christians put forth an effort to bring about a greater Christian influence among church members.

Respectfully submitted,
E. M. ELDRIDGE.

Adopted.

REPORT ON OLD MINISTERS' RELIEF

It will be remembered that when the Congress was formulating a plan for "National Old Age Security" many church leaders protested because the bill included ministers and all church employees. To release the churches from the operation of the bill, most religious bodies formed an "Old Age Retirement Plan" of their own. The "Ministers' and Church Employees' Retirement Plan" of North Carolina is to take the place of the government plan.

This plan of North Carolina Baptists is, as you will easily see, a sort of necessity. First, it keeps the government out of organized religion. Second, it provides a much needed means of providing the "Man of God" against physical want, in old age.

This plan provides that any pastor or employee of the church, by paying 3% of his salary into the Retirement Treasury, while his church or churches pay the equivalent of 2% of that salary, the State Convention will pay the equivalent of 2% of that salary. These payments correspond to the premiums of an insurance policy. Then at the age of 65 or upon physical disability, the minister or employee of the church will begin to draw from the fund, the amount of half his salary while active.

This is an opportunity for Baptist churches, at small cost, to provide

their pastors against the days when disability of age and body retires them. It is the Convention's way of expressing awareness of a deep need and providing a remedy. It is the minister's opportunity to guaranteee himself and wife "Freedom from want."

REV. B. F. ROLLINS.

Adopted.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Twenty-five years ago the world was looking to Education to save it from another great world conflict. A few months ago the President of Columbia University was compelled to admit publicly that "the educational program of the last twenty-five years has failed miserably."

Since this is true, there is all the greater need for Christian education. By "Christian" education we mean training in a world-view which is based solely and entirely upon faith in the Son of God, the Lord Jesus Christ, "Whom God hath constituted heir of the universe, through whom also He made the ages; who, existing always as the effulgence of glory, and the expressed image of His substance, and supporting and governing the universe by His omnipotent word, when He had, of His own free will, made a purging of our sins, took His seat at the right hand of the Majesty in the heights."

There are very few places left even in this great country of ours where a higher education based upon this kind of faith may still be had. We can thank God, that, in some of our own Baptist schools and colleges in North Carolina there are still men who hold these truths in their entirety and teach them to their students even when surrounded by unbelief and mockery of the Son of God. May our prayer constantly be that God will not leave Himself without a witness in the scholastic world, that truth may still be taught by our Baptist teachers, and that we may have the stamina to cast out those teachers who are not worthy to be called "Christian" educators.

Respectfully submitted,

STEPHEN MORRISETT.

Adopted.

REPORT ON AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY

I consider the American Bible Society as one of the greatest evangelistic agencies in America. In all my visits to the mission fields of Southern Baptist across the world, I have found everywhere a splendid co-worker and devoted ally in the American Bible Society. The Society is always the friend of missionaries, native and foreign, and makes it possible for these devoted servants of Christ to give the gospel to the people through the printed page. I, therefore, heartily commend the work of the American Bible Society, and wish indeed that all people who love Christ and the word of God would be generous in their support of the society and of its work.

Adopted.

B. F. ROLLINS, Committee.

REPORT OF THE ELKIN SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

12 meetings held, 27 ministers present, 82 deacons present, 35 Sunday School superintendents present, 96 Sunday School teachers present, 12 department superintendents present, 183 visitors and others present, 24 speakers present, 660 total attendance for the year. Elkin First had the largest attendance for the 12 months.

Total collected for the year	$10.37
Total paid out	6.90
Balance in treasury	$ 3.47

Respectfully submitted,

G. L. HILL, Superintendent,
MRS. L. H. PETREE, Secretary.

Adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

Report on Hospital, Mrs. Bessie Gilliam; Report on Periodicals, Mrs. Harvey Church, Report on Temperance, Rev. Ely Jordan; Report on Orphanage, M. L. Pettyjohn; Report on W. M. U., Mrs. Whitfield Creed; Report on Pastor and Church Relation, E. C. James; Report on State of Churches, E. M. Eldridge; Report on Christian Education, Rev. Lester Johnson; Report on Resolutions, Clarence Newman; Report on American Bible Society, Rev. J. L. Powers; Report of Sunday School, Walter Combs. Report on Ministers' Relief, Cecil Hooper.

Respectfully submitted,

STEPHEN MORRISETT,
EARL JAMES,
CLAUDE RAY, Committee.

FINANCIAL REPORT

For Minute Funds and Clerk of Association $68.41

H. D. WOODRUFF,
DALLAS CARTER,
DAVID W. DAY, Committee.

Adopted.

REPORT ON TIME, PLACE AND PREACHER

Place: West Elkin Baptist Church.
Time: Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1944.
Preacher: Rev. David W. Day. Alternate, Rev. J. L. Powers.
Hour: 10:00 A. M.

T. L. BYRD,
GLENN COUCH,
CLARENCE NEWMAN,
Committee.

REPORT ON RESOLUTIONS

Inasmuch as God through His goodness has let us live to see another annual session of the Elkin Baptist Association, be it resolved:

1. That we return our heartfelt thanks to Him for His great love and mercy shown to us.

2. That we "humble ourselves and pray, seek His face," desire to know His will and obey it.

3. That we be more faithful to our church and Sunday School, and endeavor to keep in touch with our boys in the army. Always holding the banner of Christ our Lord high.

4. That we extend our heartfelt thanks to the people of Pleasant Hill, for their kindness and hospitality extended this Association.

MRS. PAUL NEWMAN, Committee.

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS

Arvel Alexander	Elkin
J. S. Bryant	Roaring River
C. C. Cockerham	Roaring River
David W. Day	Elkin
Richard Day	Elkin
Lester Johnson	Hays
J. H. Luffman	Ronda
W. B. Luffman	North Wilkesboro
E. G. Jordan	Elkin
Levi McCann	Roaring River
L. J. Pardue	Elkin
J. L. Powers	Elkin
B. F. Rollins	Elkin
John Weatherman	State Road
Woodrow Wishon	Elkin

OUR DEPARTED ONES

COOL SPRINGS—

Mrs. Prudie Pettyjohn
Miss Lillie Adams

ELKIN VALLEY—

Mrs. Maude Johnson
Mr. Van Turner
Mr. L. A. Woodruff

FIRST BAPTIST—

Mr. W. F. Reece
Louise Duncan
Mrs. R. L. Poindexter

PLEASANT HILL—

Miss Edwina Harris

POPLAR SPRINGS—

Mr. Cleet Welborn

WHITE PLAINS—

Mr. Mils Blackburn

TABLE I—Church Membership, Etc., of Elkin Association for Year Ending Sept. 30th, 1943.

CHURCHES	Located in Village, Town, City or County	When Constituted	PASTORS AND POST OFFICES	Days of Meeting	Total Members Reported Last Year	GAINS				LOSSES			Total Present Members	Weekly Prayer Meet.	Revivals During Yr.	Obs. Lords Supper	Rec. State Bap. Paper
						Baptisms	Letters	Statements	Restorations	Letters	Erasures	Deaths					
Bessie's Chapel	C.	1934	R. J. Pardue, Jonesville	3	47			1					48	no	2	1	
Center	C.	1839	John Weatherman, State Road	1	43	3							46	no	1	1	
Cool Springs	C.	1805	Grant Cothren, Traphill	2	254	8	4	1		1		3	263	yes	2	1	
East Elkin	T.	1921	J. L. Powers, Elkin	3	225	8	3	1		6	1		230	yes	2	1	
Elkin Valley	V.	1881	E. G. Jordan, Elkin	2	386	34	6			8		3	415	yes	2	1	
First Baptist	T.	1889	Stephen Morrisett, Elkin	1	521	12	20			19	17	3	495	yes	1	4	
Little Elkin	C.	1905	W. B. Luffman, North Wilkesboro	4	189	2			1				192	no	2	1	
Macedonia	C.	1876	Loyd Pardue, Elkin	1	170	4	1			4			171	no	1	1	
Mt. Pleasant	C.	1887		1	166								181				
Pleasant Hill	V.	1897	D. W. Day, Elkin	1	478	17	15	1		4		1	506	yes	2	1	
Pleasant Home	C.	1884	Grant Cothren, Traphill	4	204	5		1		5			205	no	1	1	
Poplar Springs	C.	1885	Richard Day, Elkin	3	158	25	1			1		1	182	yes	1	1	1
Rock Creek	C.	1849	Glenn Huffman, Parsonsville	2	327	16	1					1	343	no	1	1	
Shoaly Branch	C.	1884	J. E. Hayes, North Wilkesboro	4	119		1					1	119	no	1	1	
West Elkin	V.		J. L. Powers, Elkin											no	1	1	
White Plains	C.		L. J. Pardue, Elkin	3	193	7				5		2	193		1	1	

TABLE II—Sunday Schools of Elkin Baptist Association for Year Ending Sept. 30, 1943

CHURCHES	ASSOCIATIONAL SUPT. Walter Combs, Elkin, N. C. / SUPERINTENDENTS AND POST OFFICES	Cradle Roll, 3 & under	Beginners, 3 to 5	Primaries, 6 to 8	Juniors, 9 to 12	Intermediates, 13 to 16	Young People, 17 to 24	Adults, 25 years and up	Extension Department	Gen. & Dept. Officers	Have you a Mission S.S.	Total Enrollment, Officers, Teachers & Pupils	Average Attendance	Baptisms from S. S.	Is the School Graded?	Enrollment Vac. School	Average Attendance of Vacation School
Bessie's Chapel	B. T. Southard, Elkin	....	....	12	15	14	24	30	....	8	no	103	74	....	no	....	.....
Center		....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	....	....	.....	....	.....
Cool Springs	Glenn Castevens, Elkin	....	20	....	26	22	18	62	....	7	.....	155	94	....	.....	....	.....
East Elkin	Burrus Gray, Jonesville	....	16	13	24	12	18	30	....	8	.....	121	48	8	.....	....	.....
Elkin Valley	Geo. M. Walters, Elkin	....	25	45	43	50	89	100	....	....	no	352	187	....	.....	89	80
First Baptist	G. L. Hill, Elkin	10	28	27	37	66	8	124	....	4	.....	304	170	12	yes	45	40
Little Elkin	J. M. Luffman, Ronda	....	32	....	34	....	30	36	....	6	.....	138	89	....	.....	....	.....
Macedonia	C. A. Burchette, Ronda	....	14	14	13	11	16	20	....	....	.....	88	55	4	.....	....	.....
Mt. Pleasant		....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	....	....	.....	....	.....
Pleasant Hill	L. H. Petree, Elkin	22	42	31	55	56	34	132	34	7	.....	413	222	....	yes	....	.....
Pleasant Home	J. L. Jordan, Roaring River	....	21	....	16	20	38	21	....	10	.....	126	63	....	.....	....	.....
Poplar Springs	R. W. Gentry, State Road	5	41	....	30	43	53	29	....	9	.....	208	101	....	.....	....	.....
Rock Creek	J. A. Sebastian, N. Wilkesboro, R. 2	....	15	....	12	12	6	8	....	6	.....	58	58	4	.....	....	.....
Shoaly Branch	Mrs. Callie Martin, Benham	....	5	8	10	15	8	16	....	5	.....	67	35	....	.....	....	.....
West Elkin	Cecil Hooper, Elkin	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	....	....	.....	....	.....
White Plains	C. C. Alexander, Roaring River	....	20	....	25	....	35	32	....	5	.....	117	50	7	.....	....	.....

TABLE III—Baptist Training Union of Elkin Baptist Association for the Year Ending September 30, 1943.

CHURCHES	TRAINING UNION DIRECTORS AND POST OFFICES	Adult Unions	Young People's Unions	Intermediate Unions	Junior Unions	Story Hours	Total Unions & Story H.	Adults Enrolled	Young People Enrolled	Intermediates Enrolled	Juniors Enrolled	Story Hours Enrolled	Total Enrolled Unions and Story Hours	No. Daily Bible Readers	No. Taking Study Course	Total Systematic Givers	Students in College From Your Church	No. General and Departmental Officers
Elkin Valley	Mrs. Lester Cass, Elkin	1	1	1	2	....	5	10	6	43	27	....	86	31	64	56	.....	10
First Baptist	Addie Davis, Elkin	1	....	1	1	1	4	22	....	18	10	6	56	17	30	36	20	3

TABLE IV—W. M. U. Organizations and Gifts, Elkin Baptist Association, for the Year Ending September 30, 1943.

CHURCHES	PRESIDENTS OF W. M. S. AND POST OFFICES	No. W. M. S.	No. Y.W.A.'s	No. G.A.'s	No. R.A.'s	No. Sunbeams	Total W. M. U. Org.	W. M. S. Members	Y.W.A.'s Members	G.A.'s Members	R.A.'s Members	Sunbeam Members	Total Members Enrolled	Enrolled Miss. Study Cl.	Contributions (Local Work) Given by W.M.U.	Contributions (Missions) Given by W. M. U.
East Elkin	Mrs. G. W. Creed, Elkin	1	....	1	....	1	3	13	....	10	....	14	37	15	$80.35	.....
Elkin Valley	Mrs. Lester Holloway, Elkin	2	1	1	....	....	4	27	18	12	....	....	57	16	.....	$ 98.36
First Baptist	Mrs. F. M. Norman, Elkin	1	1	2	1	1	6	137	15	30	22	15	219	88	.....	1391.88
Pleasant Hill	Mrs. Linville Couch, Elkin	1	....	1	....	....	2	19	....	20	....	....	39	27	205.57	226.59
Rock Creek	Mrs. Leroy Porter, N. Wilkesboro	1	....	1	1	1	4	14	....	12	10	15	51	30	20.30	66.59

TABLE VI—Church Property of Elkin Baptist Association for the Year Ending September 30th, 1943

CHURCHES	CHURCH CLERKS AND POST OFFICES	Does Church Own Its House of Worship?	When Was It Built?	Materials Used	Persons Seated	Number of Rooms	Dept. Assembly Rms.	Separate Class Rooms	Value of Church House and Grounds	Value Pastor's Home	Total Value All Church Property	Indetbtedness on All Church Property	Amount of Insurance Carried
Bessie's Chapel	B. T. Southard, Elkin	yes	1934	wood	400	3	....	....	$2700.00	.....	$2700.00	none	none
Center	Ina Hinson, State Road	yes	1839	wood	400	1	....	....	800.00	.....	800.00	none	none
Cool Springs	Eugene Pettyjohn, Elkin	yes	.....	wood	700	6	6	....	3250.00	.....	3250.00	none	none
East Elkin	L. H. Henderson, Elkin	yes	1921	wood	300	8	8	7	4000.00	.....	4000.00	none	none
Elkin Valley	Hugh Couch, Elkin	yes	1914	wood	500	12	12	11	4000.00	.....	4000.00	none	$1500.00
First Baptist	Hazel Byrd, Elkin	yes	.....	brick	300	33	6	28	45500.00	$4500.00	50000.00	none	21000.00
Little Elkin	C. E. Walls, Ronda	yes	1905	wood	350	1	....	....	3000.00	.....	3000.00	none	none
Macedonia	E. F. Edwards, Ronda	yes	1896	wood	400	6	....	5	3400.00	.....	3400.00	none	none
Mt. Pleasant	J. A. Gentry, State Road	yes	1905	wood	400	8	....	....	3000.00	.....	3000.00	none	none
Pleasant Hill	Dallas Carter, Elkin	yes	1938	brick	800	20	....	15	20000.00	.....	20000.00	none	6000.00
Pleasant Home	J. W. Cheek, Roaring River	yes	.....	wood	500	1	....	....	1000.00	.....	1000.00	none	none
Poplar Springs	J. W. Gentry, State Road	yes	1939	wood	400	1	....	....	3000.00	.....	3000.00	none	none
Rock Creek	Mrs. Chas. H. Wood, N. Wilkesboro	yes	.....	wood	400	1	....	....	1000.00	.....	1000.00	none	none
Shoaly Branch	W. F. Gilliam, Benham	yes	1893	wood	300	1	....	....	1000.00	.....	1000.00	none	none
West Elkin	Cecil Hooper, Elkin	yes	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	3500.00	.....	3500.00	none	none
White Plains	G. C. Tharpe, N. Wilkesboro, R. 2	yes	.....	wood	300	1	....	....	1000.00	.....	1000.00	none	none

TABLE VII—Gifts For Local Church Work of Elkin Baptist Association for the Year Ending September 30th, 1943.

CHURCHES	REGULAR TREASURERS AND POST OFFICES	Pastor's Salary Paid This Year	Other Salaries	Ministerial Help and Supply	Building and Repairs Spent This Year	Church Debt and Interest	Incidentals	Literature for Church Use, S. S., etc.	Help Given to Local Poor	Printing Minutes and Clerk of Association	Other Objects	(Local Work) Total for Local Purposes Given by Church and All Its Organizations	Pledged to Cooperative Program
Bessie's Chapel	Gaither Wall, Rusk	$184.00		$31.81			$28.48	$24.00		$3.11	$50.00	$322.18	
Center	C. L. Johnson, Thurmond	42.00		47.67						2.25		91.67	
Cool Springs	R. C. Harris, Elkin	232.80		93.81			59.43	62.16		5.00		453.20	
East Elkin	G. W. Creed, Elkin	228.87		130.43	$ 48.05	$208.35	126.49	49.79		4.00	2.75	798.93	
Elkin Valley	M. H. Royal, Elkin	738.46		163.10	1207.49		303.62	252.64	179.00	8.00	403.99	3257.00	
First Baptist	L. F. Walker, Elkin	2600.00	$1000.00	300.00	662.50	827.19	950.00	275.00	55.00	5.00	588.00	7262.69	$3000.00
Little Elkin	C. E. Walls, Ronda	192.13		36.40			26.00	36.00		5.00	5.40	300.93	
Macedonia	E. F. Edwards, Ronda	163.00		46.50	900.00		55.00	33.00		3.00		1200.50	
Mt. Pleasant	J. A. Gentry, State Road												
Pleasant Hill	E. F. Yarboro, Elkin	1955.34	115.00	373.00	725.77	3034.08	487.17	263.91	168.48	6.00	160.25	7287.00	
Pleasant Home	W. G. Burcham, Roaring River	100.00	20.00	8.20			25.00	16.00		5.00		174.20	
Poplar Springs	J. W. Gentry, State Road	300.00		93.05			20.98	45.76		4.55	27.26	491.00	
Rock Creek	Mrs. Chas. W. Wood, N. Wilkesboro	103.39		52.14			2.33	21.61	12.50	4.00		195.97	
Shoaly Branch	W. F. Gilliam, Benham	147.00		18.00			15.00	10.00	35.00	2.50	25.00	252.50	
West Elkin	C. W. Young, Elkin												
White Plains	G. C. Tharpe, North Wilkesboro	150.00		41.60			19.90	42.77		4.50	22.24	281.01	

TABLE VIII—Gifts for Missions, Education, Benevolences, Elkin Baptist Association, Year Ending Sept. 30, 1944

CHURCHES	REGULAR TREASURERS AND POST OFFICES	Total to Cooperative Program	Special to State Missions	Special to Home Missions	Special to Foreign Missions	Special to Schools and Colleges	Special to Theological Seminaries	Special to Orphanage	Special to Hospitals	Hundred Thousand Club	Other Objects	(Missions) Total given for Missions & Benev. by Church & all Depts.	Grand Total for All Purposes—Both Local Work & Missions—Given by Ch. & All Org.
Bessie's Chapel	Gaither Wall, Rusk							$18.41	$ 6.36			$ 24.76	$ 346.94
Center	C. L. Johnson, Thurmond												
Cool Springs	R. C. Harris, Elkin							22.30	17.80			40.10	493.30
East Elkin	G. W. Creed, Elkin	$ 22.36	$7.35	$11.25	$ 4.50	$3.69	$1.46	30.00	32.15	$ 1.46	$13.75	105.61	904.54
Elkin Valley	M. H. Royal, Elkin		71.17	13.80	98.36			247.00	145.00	26.00	16.40	617.73	3874.73
First Baptist	L. F. Walker, Elkin	2041.75	88.20	68.05	102.70	75.00		519.81	138.30	240.65	13.40	3287.86	11142.55
Little Elkin	C. E. Walls, Ronda							26.56	6.17			32.73	333.66
Macedonia	E. F. Edwards, Ronda							25.00	13.00			38.00	1238.50
Mt. Pleasant	J. A. Gentry, State Road												
Pleasant Hill	E. F. Yarboro, Elkin	6.00	23.00	45.18	17.00			92.35	101.80	19.00		304.33	7499.33
Pleasant Home	W. G. Burcham, Roaring River							10.00	15.00			25.00	198.20
Poplar Springs	J. W. Gentry, State Road							55.70	13.50			69.20	560.20
Rock Creek	Mrs. Chas. W. Wood, N. Wilkesboro		12.00	5.00	12.25			21.09	34.00	9.00	12.00	105.74	301.71
Shoaly Branch	W. F. Gilliam, Benham							5.00	5.00			10.00	262.50
West Elkin	C. W. Young, Elkin												
White Plains	G. C. Tharpe, North Wilkesboro							5.58	7.35			12.93	293.94

MINUTES

OF THE

SIXTY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

ELKIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

NORTH CAROLINA

HELD WITH

WEST ELKIN BAPTIST CHURCH

September 29, 1944

E. M. ELDRIDGE, Moderator ..... Elkin, N. C.

J. W. CHEEK, Clerk ..... Roaring River, N. C.

The next session will be held with First Baptist Church, Elkin, N. C., on Friday before the first Sunday in in October, 1945, beginning at 10:00 A. M.

PROCEEDINGS

of the

SIXTY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION

of the

ELKIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Meeting With the West Elkin Baptist Church
September 29, 1944 — 10:00 A. M.

Devotion. Singing by Association. Bro. E. C. James reading 19th Psalm. Prayer by Rev. L. M. Cook.

Moderator called Association to order. Asked for visitors. Bro. Smith Hagaman from N. C. Baptist Hospital.

Church letters called for and the following were handed in, read and messengers seated:

Bessie's Chapel—B. T. Southard, Henry Wall.
Center—Ovid Johnson, Leff Simmons.
Cool Springs—M. L. Pettyjohn, Eugene Pettyjohn.
East Elkin—Glenn Cook, L. H. Henderson, Mrs. G. W. Creed, Bessie Laffoon.
Elkin Valley—H. D. Woodruff, Mrs. Hugh Couch.
First Baptist—Rev. Stephen Morrisett, E. C. James.
Little Elkin—Joe Vanhoy, Jas. T. Byrd.
Macedonia—E. F. Edwards, Howard Key.
Mt. Pleasant—R. J. Carter, Wm. A. Walters, Walter Combs.
Pleasant Hill—Dallas Carter, David W. Day, Mrs. David W. Day, Mrs. Dallas C. Gilliam.
Pleasant Home—J. W. Cheek, W. G. Burcham.
Poplar Spring—Clarence Newman, R. W. Gentry.
Rock Creek—
Shoaly Branch—
West Elkin—L. M. Cook, Cecil Hooper.
White Plains—G. C. Tharpe.

Committees appointed:

Finance—Dallas Carter, H. D. Woodruff, David W. Day.

Refreshments—L. M. Cook and Deacons of West Elkin church.

Religious Exercises—Rev. B. F. Rollins.

Committee on Committees—Rev. L. M. Cook, M. L. Pettyjohn, Arvil Alexander.

Time, Place and Preacher—Lum Young, Clarence Newman, Roscoe Gentry.

On motion elect officers for the ensuing year and elected E. M. Eldridge, Moderator; E. C. James, Assistant Moderator; W. H. Combs, Clerk; Mrs. Lewis Petree, Assistant Clerk; Sunday School Superintendent, L. F. Walker; Orphanage Representative, Lester Johnson.

On motion hear introductory sermon at this time, by David W. Day, reading 17th chapter of Nehemiah. Text: "Building the wall of our inhabitation."

Committee on Religious Exercises report Bro. L. H. Henderson conduct devotional afternoon.

Visitor—Rev. J. C. Pipes.

Adjourned till 1:30.

1:30 P. M.

Song, "Amazing Grace."

Devotion by Bro. L. H. Henderson, reading a part of the 103rd Psalm. Prayer by Bro. Smith Hagaman.

Moderator called Association to order. Visitors invited: R. H. Satterfield, representing Christian and Meredith College, Bro. L. L. Carpenter, representing Biblical Recorder, Bros. L. A. Martin and Harvey C. Gibson, Center Association, Bros. R. A. Pate and S. C. Gettys, of Sandy Run Association, Bro. J. Y. Rector, Robbins Association, and Bro. M. A. Huggins, representing N. C. Baptist Hospital.

Report on N. C. Baptist Hospital:

BAPTIST HOSPITAL

The Baptist Hospital was established by our denomination for the purpose of providing hospital facilities for the sick of our state who are not financially able to pay for treatment. In normal times about one-third of the population of our state is found in this class.

It was the purpose of our Baptist brethren that this should be rendered as a great Christian service by the entire denomination to these unfortunate poor.

Since the opening of the hospital in 1923—a little more than 20 years ago, about 77,000 patients have been treated to date. Of this number about 28,000 were of those for whom the Institution was primarily provided—Service or Charity patients. During these years the hospital has rendered, in most instances, free service to about 1,650 ministers, missionaries and ministerial students. Last year—1943—10,333 patients were treated. Of this number 3,444 were free patients or paid little. This free service last year represents a cost of $145,509.-

76. The free service of the hospital for the little more than 20 years of its history represents a cost of about $2,302,000.00. This cost was covered by one dollar per day per patient from the Duke Foundation, a little profit from pay patients but largely from the Mother's Day offering by the churches.

The Mother's Day offering by the churches this year amounts to date to about $90,000.00. The largest ever. This includes hospital linen donated by the W. M. U's. and other church agencies in the amount of $2,000 so far this year.

The Training School for nurses has an enrollment at present of 119. Of these, 101 are "Cadets." That is, they receive certain expenses for their training from the National Government in consideration of their needed service in the present war emergency.

Notwithstanding the recent expansion of the hospital's facilities, it is constantly overcrowded, which makes it impossible to render prompt and much needed service to all who apply.

About two-thirds of the patients who come for treatment are pay-patients. They provide their own doctor as they may choose, and pay their hospital bill.

About one-third of the population of our State in normal times fall in the class that cannot pay for hospital treatment.

This Institution is attempting to keep uppermost in mind always the purpose for which it was created, primarily the treatment of the poor in a Christian Institution.

The hospital in cooperation with the Medical School, has a staff of doctors capable of treating almost any condition of physical ills.

MRS. DALLAS C. GILLIAM, Committee.

Remarks by Smith Hagaman. Report adopted.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS

Reading matter is plentiful and reading matter is powerful, but not all reading matter is helpful.

It is of great importance what people read, for we assimilate some portion, at least, of what we read, whether it be good or bad.

Consequently we deem it the purpose of this report to the Association to call attention to some sources of good reading matter that will prove beneficial to our people.

The Publication Department of our Sunday School Board at Nashville, Tenn., which prints our Sunday School periodicals and magazines, is continually bringing out many excellent books of denominational and religious interest.

From our Baptist Book Store located in Raleigh we may obtain helpful literature. The Biblical Recorder, our denominational State paper, keeps us informed of the work of our denomination in the State and if we fail to read it we lose the enthusiasm which comes from the knowledge of our progress.

We would not forget Charity and Children, which keeps us informed about all our work in caring for the orphan children of the State.

Last, but by no means least, we recommend the one Book from

which the solid matter of all books and periodicals is gathered, the book with no equal in literature, the book of all books, the Bible.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. HARVEY CHURCH.

Remarks by Rev. L. L. Carpenter. Report adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

We, as Baptists, should definitely and forever be on record as opposed to the manufacture, sale, and use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage.

Excepting the ravages and destruction of the war while it lasts, the liquor business is our enemy number one.

I do not know a better definition of temperance than the total abstinence from those things unnecessary and harmful and the moderate use of all things necessary, and in harmony with God's word.

A "dram drinker" cannot hope to be a soul winner, nor a successful worker in his church.

There are many ways in which to be intemperate.

B. F. ROLLINS.

Remarks by Bros. L. A. Martin and Nelson Caudill. Report adopted.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE

Our Baptist Orphanage is doing a great work and deserves our hearty support. Through the Mothers' Aid and other programs which they sponsor, many blessings have come to a lot of our unfortunate mothers and children.

It is worthy of note that none of the many children who have been trained at our Orphanage has been convicted of a major crime—many are now filling responsible positions.

We beg that our Baptist people take more interest in this work by giving more liberally in their **"one Sunday a month" offering,** and Thanksgiving donation.

We suggest that each church in our Association have a comittee to look after financial aid to this movement and aid in shortening the Orphanage waiting list.

Respectfully submited,

M. L. PETTYJOHN, Committee.

Report adopted.

REPORT ON MISSIONS

"Missions" comes from a Latin word, "mitto," meaning to send. There are four things necessary in sending a message. There is the sender, the message, the one who delivers the message and the one who receives it. Just so it is in God's plan. He is the sender. He has a special message of love (John 3:16) which He wants delivered to every one in the world. You and I are the ones he has appointed to take that message to ALL those others who have not received it. There are countless millions who have not had the gospel preached to them. Baptist's Plan is to give each week, or regularly, to the Co-operative

Program. The goal is fifty cents of each dollar to missions and the other fifty cents to local church expenses. No church in the Elkin Association has yet reached that goal.

God did His part to prove His love by sending His Son to die for the sins of men—all men, red, yellow, black and white. The message must be delivered. If the postman failed to deliver an important message to you think of the inconvenience it would cause you. If we, God's postmen, fail, what will be the result? Souls lost eternally, God's message delayed, lost opportunity for us.

Every Missionary Baptist church must do its part to deliver God's message. Southern Baptists after ten years are free of debt and are giving regularly to relief work in China. Last year (1943) they gave $2,008,651.30 to missions. What part of that did you give?

"He is counting on us the story to tell," for He said "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

Remarks by M. A. Huggins. Report adopted.

REPORT OF ELKIN W. M. U. ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the Elkin Woman's Missionary Union was held on April 26, 1944, at the Elkin First Baptist Church with an attendance of 88 approximately. The following program was heard:

PROGRAM

Theme: Face Today—Plan for Tomorrow.

Call to Worship by Mrs C. N. Myers, Supt. of Elkin W. M. U. Association.

Watchwords Repeated in Unison: "Laborers together with God: That the generations to come might know." "This is the day that the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it."

Song: "Holy, Holy, Holy."

Worship and Praise: Conducted by Mrs. Stephen Morrisett.

Greeting: "Welcome to the Annual Associational Meeting of the Elkin W. M. U. Association, and thrice welcome to the Elkin First Baptist Church."—Mrs. C. N. Myers.

Solo: Mrs. J. H. Beeson.

Today and Tomorrow in Missions—Miss Olive Lawton, Foreign Missionary on furlough from China.

Prayer: Led by Rev. Stephen Morrisett.

Reports: Today's achievements—an incentive for tomorrow's tasks.

Annual reports were heard from Superintendent, Treasurer, Committee Chairmen:

Community Missions: Mrs. G. W. Creed, East Elkin W. M. U.

Stewardship: Mrs. Lee Roy Porter, Rock Creek W. M. U.

Mission Study: Mrs. Paul Price Davis, Divisional Chairman.

W. M. U. Training School and Margaret Fund: Mrs. Robert Transou, Elkin Valley W. M. U.

100,000 Club: Mrs. Grace Eads, Pleasant Hill W. M. U.

Literature: Mrs. E. C. James, Elkin First W. M. U.

Roll Call of Societies—All five of theW. M. S. of the Association

were represented and a goodly number of the young people's organizations were represented.

Minutes of last year's meeting read by Secretary, Mrs. L. C. Holloway, of Elkin Valley W. M. U.

The following committes were appointed:

Resolutions: Mrs. L. C. Holloway, Chairman.

Time and Place: Mrs. T. L. Parnell, Chairman.

Nominating: Mrs. F. M. Norman, Chairman.

Adjournment for lunch—Provided by all W. M. S. of Association.

Afternoon

Call to order. Music on pipe organ by Mr. Morrisett. Song: "We've A Story to Tell to the Nations."

Conference: "How to Teach Missions."—Miss Kathryn Abee, State Young Peoples' Leader.

Reports of Committees. Adjournment. Song: "God Be With You."

Number of churches in Association, 15; Number of women and young people in churches having a Woman's Missionary Society, 1361; Number of W. M. S., 5; Number of Y. W. A., 2; Intermediate G. A., 1; Intermediate R. A., 1; Junior G. A., 1; Junior R. A., 1; Ungraded G. A., 1; Ungraded R. A., 1; Sunbeams, 2. Number of Young Peoples' Organizations, 10.

Members of W. M. S., 191; Y. W. A., 63; G. A., 53; R. A., 30; Sunbeams, 15; Total in W. M. U., 352.

Number of churches with no missionary organizations any age, 10.

One full graded union at Elkin First Baptist Church.

The Elkin W. M. U. Association will meet with the Elkin Valley W. M. U. on April——, 1945.

A mission study class for Associational leaders was held at the Elkin Y. M. C. A. on Feb. 25th, 1944, with 16 present. The W. M. U. Year Book for 1944 was studied and much interest was shown.

Donations to all causes $2113.23.

The chief aims of W. M. U. is to promote a spirit of prayer, a high standard of living and conduct among the women of the church and community and to promote Christian Education among young people of the community, and to fulfill the great commission of our Lord—Matt. 28:19-20.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. G. W. CREED.

Adopted.

REPORT ON PASTOR AND CHURCH RELATIONS

By virtue of the relation of Pastor and Church each assumes certain definite obligations and responsibilities. When a church calls a pastor and he accepts the call, he accepts the duty of a pastor to LEAD; a true pastor is a shepherd and a shepherd leads his sheep. No true shepherd will allow any hard headed old ram to dictate the route to be followed. After careful and prayerful consideration the true shepherd

will lead his flock. The Psalmist had a clear picture of this shepherd obligation when he wrote, "The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want; He LEADETH me . . ."

The pastor should follow closely the Great Shepherd who said, "I KNOW my sheep." Not every briar scratch should require the personal attention of the shepherd nor every head cold a personal visit from the pastor; but the true shepherd will make it his business to **know** his sheep; to know something of their joys and of their sorrows; to share with them their vexing problems—To KNOW the sheep.

The pastor MUST LOVE his sheep; no true shepherd will assume an autocratic attitude because of his position but will seek always to hold and lead his flock by pouring out his LOVE upon them; the "hireling" may flee but the shepherd, because his motivation is love, will stand by his sheep.

The sheep have concomitant obligations and responsibilities. Since the pastor or shepherd should lead, then the sheep should FOLLOW. It is the duty of every Christian to follow his pastor and the majority members of his church in every undertaking for God; there is no place for nor function for a "noisy minority" in the Christian Church.

The sheep should make it easy to be known of their shepherd; no old ewe or ram should feed way out on the outer edges of the flock, so far away that the shepherd can barely see, where the briars and thistles are thickest, and then complain bitterly that the shepherd did not know about the cockle burr in their fleece.

The sheep must love their pastor—their shepherd; it is easy to follow the leadings of the **beloved** shepherd; it is never difficult to know a pastor one loves and oh! how easy it is to love a shepherd who loves his sheep. "Now remaineth Faith, Hope and Love—these three—but the greatest of these is LOVE."

Respectfully submitted,

EARL C. JAMES.

Report adopted.

REPORT ON STATE OF THE CHURCHES

Christ instituted the church, the greatest institution in the world.

The subject of this discussion presents a deplorable thought. When we think of the condition of our churches today and the attitude they presented thirty years ago, we see quite a contrast.

Thirty years ago the church was regarded as a select body and the house as a sacred place, and we regarded it as a blessed privilege to attend its sacred worship. Today it is different.

The church has become careless and indifferent, inclined to business and pleasure. May we pray that the churches come back to the old way of worship and have the spiritual power we once had.

REV. E. M. ELDERIDGE, Committee.

Remarks by Rev. E. M. Elderidge. Adopted.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

"Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them

to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen." Matt. 28:19-20.

We need to put forth every effort we can towards evangelizing the world, but along with this must go a serious and enthusiastic effort to train and enlist thse who may be reached as is implied in the Great Commission. There is no conflict between evangelism and Christian education. They are merely two different methods for accomplishing the same great purpose. The great purpose of the whole Christian program is evangelism; and it may be promoted by various methods—personal work, teaching, preaching, and revivalism. The great purpose of Christian education is to teach the Bible and the message of the Christian religion, that boys and girls, men and women will learn, accept and live this message.

Let us think of Christian education in broader terms than heretofore.

The value of this work cannot be over estimated for here we are training the leaders and setting the pace for a Christian emphasis in all education. But what are we going to do with all the people who are unable to go to our Christian schools and colleges? If we are to reach these, we must include in the term Christian Education all of the educational agencies of our churches, such as Sunday School, Daily Vacation Bible School, Young Peoples' Unions, and Missionary Unions, as well as our schools, colleges and seminaries. Thus we will have a system of Christian education that will reach the masses of the people from the kindergarten through the university.

An educated person is worth more to the church and the State than the same person could be uneducated. Christian education is more than training the mind, it is training the heart as well as the mind. The church and State should both be interested in education. They are. Hence we have two systems of schools: one maintained by the State, the other by the Church.

The State cannot do the educational work of the Church any more than the Church can do the work of the State. The State cannot meet the religious demands of the individual, because it cannot teach religion. Man is a religious being and the education that does not meet the religious need is not complete.

If the faith that we, as Baptists, hold and preach is to be held and preached by coming generations, we must have schools that hold and teach the same religious principles that our homes and churches hold and teach. While the child is in the home and attends the church of its parents, its religious needs can be supplied. But when the child goes away to school, the school must hold the same principles the child holds, if it is to develop spiritually as well as mentally.

Our Christian schools are guardians of our faith. We must fortify them with equipment and endowments and support them with our patronage in order that they may develop a highly cultivated and deeply spiritual people.

LESTER JOHNSON.

Remarks by Bro. R. H. Satterfield. Report adopted.

REPORT ON RESOLUTIONS

With thankful hearts that God has spared our lives through another year may it be resolved that all of God's people take a stronger stand for Him and His works.

May it be resolved that we Baptist let our lights shine. Too many Baptist have covered up our lights with sin. May we make a resolution with God that, by His help we may live a more consecrated life in the year to come.

We wish to thank West Elkin Baptist Church for their kind hospitality shown us during this Association.

R. C. NEWMAN, Committee.

Adopted.

REPORT ON OLD MINISTERS' RELIEF

The Baptist denomination has a small relief fund for our old worn out ministers, old ministers that have pastored churches and who are unable to do further services. They are supposed to draw from this fund if they are in needy circumstances, probably four or five dollars a month. It is according to their needs and according to the amount of funds available.

This fund is provided by our churches and individuals.

CECIL HOOPER, Committee.

Adopted.

REPORT ON THE AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY

The American Bible Society was established 128 years ago. Is interdenominational and a non-profit organization. It has as its supervisors such men as Charles E. Hughes, L. L. D., John R. Mott, L. L. D., Carl E. Millican, L. L. D., Wade H. Ellis, L. L. D,, and others. Men of universal vision and knowledge who give gratis of their time and talent to the general supervision of that great work. The sole purpose of this society is to manufacture and give the Bible to those who have it not. In many instances at a fraction of the cost.

During a recent five year period this society manufactured and distributed an average of 8,070,917 Bibles and more than that many Testaments.

The American Bible Society is one of our great missionary enterprises.

REV. J. L. POWERS.

Adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

Missions, Mrs. Ralph Sprinkle; Hospital, G. L. Hill; Ministers' Relief, Lester Henderson; Orphanage, Mrs. Mabel Newman; Pastor and Church Relations, Louis Petree; W. M. U., Mrs. Robert Transou; State of Churches, Walter Combs; Periodicals, Talmadge Southard; Christian Education, Charlie Byrd; Temperance, Lester Johnson; Resolutions,

John A. Burcham; Orphanage Representative, Lester Johnson; Sunday School Superintendent, L. F. Walker; Bible Society, D. W. Day.

Respectfully submitted,

L. M. COOK,
M. L. PETTYJOHN,
ARVIL ALEXANDER,
Committee.

REPORT ON TIME, PLACE AND PREACHER

Time: Last Friday in September, 1945.
Place: First Baptist Church, Elkin.
Preacher: Rev. J. L. Powers.

C. W. YOUNG,
CLARENCE NEWMAN,
R. W. GENTRY, Committee.

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS

Arvel Alexander	Elkin
J. S. Bryant	Roaring River
C. C. Cockerham	Roaring River
David W. Day	Elkin
Richard Day	Elkin
E. M. Elderidge	Elkin
Lester Johnson	Hays
J. H. Luffman	Mooresville
J. Martin Luffman	Ronda
W. B. Luffman	North Wilkesboro
E. G. Jordan	Elkin
Levi McCann	Roaring River
L. J. Pardue	Elkin
Carr Pruitt	North Wilkesboro
J. L. Powers	Elkin
Charlie Richardson	North Wilkesboro
B. F. Rollins	Elkin
Floyd Stanley	State Road
John Weatherman	State Road
Woodrow Wishon	Elkin

OUR DEPARTED ONES

COOL SPRINGS—
- Deaconess Bettie Carter
- Mr. Alex. Wellborn
- Mrs. Belle Carter

ELKIN VALLEY—
- Mrs. Elizabeth Collins
- Mr. Frank Hudson

FIRST BAPTIST—
- Mr. Sol Mastin
- Lt. E. C. James, Jr. (Service)
- Cpl. James Russell Hampton (Service)
- Miss Bernice Eidson

LITTLE ELKIN—
- Mrs. Mava Money Long
- Sgt. Paul Luffman (U. S. Army in France)

MACEDONIA—
- Deacon J. N. Burchette

MT. PLEASANT—
- Mr. S. P. Combs
- Mr. Robert Burcham

PLEASANT HILL—
- Mr. John Mickel
- Mrs. Victoria Darnell
- Mrs. Matilda Alexander
- Mr. Clay Holloway
- Mr. M. L. Darnell
- Mrs. Walter Engle

ROCK CREEK—
- Mrs. Alice Johnson
- Mrs. Myra Combs.
- Mrs. Bettie Mahaffey
- Mrs. Lucindy Whitley
- Mrs. Mary Ann Bauguess
- Mrs. Bertha Brown
- Mr. John Porter

SHOALY BRANCH—
- Deacon D. F. McCann
- Mr. A. H. Burchette
- Mr. Arthur Stone

WHITE PLAINS—
- Mrs. Angie Waddell
- Mrs. Vallie Cothren

CONSTITUTION

1. This Association shall be known as the Elkin Baptist Association, and shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches; each church being entitled to three delegates, and all regular ordained ministers as members ex officio.

2. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's Kingdom upon earth.

3. The delegates thus selected should bear from each respective church a letter certifying their appointments, and communicating information relative to the state of the church and interest thereof.

4. The Association just formed shall elect, by ballot, a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall continue in office for one year, and until others are chosen. The last two offices may be held by the same individual.

5. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside at meetings of business; to keep order during each session; to decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the house by any member and to perform all other duties pertaining to his office.

6. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a faithful and correct record of all the proceedings of each session of the Association and keep a minute of each session and to perform other duties assigned to him by the Association.

7. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to keep a correct record of all the funds coming into his hands and report the same at the order of the Association.

8. There shall be a Committee of Arrangements consisting of five members, besides the Moderator and Clerk.

9. All letters or grievances or querries, together with all letters from corresponding associations requiring any attention thereon, shall be submitted to the Committee on Arrangements and reported back to the Association.

10. This body shall have no coersive power to exercise lordship over God's heritage, but shall only be considered as advisory council in all matters respecting the internal regulation of the churches.

11. When an offense may have been committed by one church against another, or when a series of difficulties may have arisen in an individual church, it shall be the duty of the Association (after due labors have been had between the offending and offended churches, or an individual church, as the case may be) to take the matter into consideration and advise upon it.

12. The Association shall not maintain permanent fellowship towards any of her churches which neglect to institute and preserve Gospel order among their members, nor any of her churches or ministers that treat her constitution with contempt; but shall sustain with all her influence, such as promote Gospel principles and order.

13. It shall be the province of this Association to invite visiting and corresponding brethren to seats, who shall be entitled to speak on any point under discussion, but not to vote.

14. The Association shall in all cases, (except in matters pertaining to the constitution) be governed by a majority of the members present, and shall not adjourn until they have gone through the business of the Association, except in extraordinary cases.

15. Each church having an ordained or licensed minister shall report the same to the Association in order that they may appear as such on the face of the minutes.

16. The Association shall furnish the churches with the minutes of her proceedings; and it shall be the duty of the churches to enable her to do so.

17. The Association shall have a fund, created and sustained by voluntary contributions from the churches, which shall be held by the treasurer and subject to the disposition of a majority of the Association present at any annual session.

18. The Association shall hold an annual meeting at such time and place as the body may from time to time designate.

19. By appointment of the Association there may be an Introductory, Missionary and Denominational sermon preached each annual session.

20. This Constitution may be altered or amended at any time, two thirds of the members present concurring.

21. The benevolent institutions of the day shall be no bar or test of fellowship, but all shall be free to sustain or not sustain as they choose.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2. The letters from the churches shall be read and the names of the delegates enrolled.

3. A Moderator and Clerk chosen by a majority of the members present.

4. Only one member shall speak at a time who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator; and while speaking shall not be interrupted by any member, except the Moderator.

5. The members speaking shall strictly adhere to the subject, and use no words calculated to irritate.

6. No member shall abruptly break off or absent himself without leave of the Association.

7. No member shall speak more than three times upon one subject without leave of the Association.

8. No member shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of the Association, nor whispering in time of public speech.

9. No member of the Association shall address another in any other appellation than that of brother.

10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member or prohibit him from speaking till he gives his light on the subject, unless he breaks this decorum.

11. The names of the several members of the Association shall be called by the Clerk as often as the Association requires.

12. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privileges as an other member, provided his seat be filled; and he shall have no vote, unless the Association be equally divided.

13. Queries presented by churches shall be attended to by the Association.

14. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

15. Any member who shall willingly and knowingly break any of these rules, shall be reproved by the Association, as they shall think proper.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in only true and living God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost and these three are one.

2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the words of God, and the only rules of Faith and Practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of Election by grace.

4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin, and in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature by his own free will or ability.

5. We believe that sinners are called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit and that all who are thus regenerated and born again by the Spirit of God, shall never fall finally away.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God by the imputed Righteousness of Jesus Christ.

7. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only subjects of those ordinances; and we believe that the only true mode of Baptism is by immersion.

8. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment, and that the joys of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

9. We believe that no minister has the right to administer the ordinances of the Gospel, except such as are regularly called, and come under the imposition of hands by the Presbytery.

TABLE I—Church Membership, Etc., of Elkin Association for Year Ending September 30, 1944

CHURCHES	Located in Village, Town, City or County	When Constituted	PASTORS AND POST OFFICES	Days of Meeting	Total Members Reported Last Year	GAINS				LOSSES				Total Present Members (Incl. Non-Res.)	Weekly Prayer Meet.	Revivals During Yr.	Obs. Lords Supper	Rec. State Bap. Paper
						Baptisms	Letters	Statements	Restorations	Letters	Exclusions	Erasures	Deaths					
Bessie's Chapel	C.	1934	R. J. Pardue, Jonesville	3	50	1	2	....	....	1	....	....	....	52	.....	....	....	....
Center	C.	1839	Clifford Vestal, Cycle	1	48	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	49	yes	1	1	....
Cool Springs	C.	1805	Grant Cothren, Traphill	2	263	10	....	....	....	12	1	....	3	257	yes	1	1	....
East Elkin	T.	1921	J. L. Powers, Elkin	3	230	....	4	....	....	9	....	....	....	225	2	2	1	....
Elkin Valley	V.	1881	G. D. White, Statesville, R. 5	1 & 3	415	18	5	1	....	13	....	....	2	424	365	2	1	....
First Baptist	T.	1889	Stephen Morrisett, Elkin	1	494	20	20	....	....	13	1	1	4	515	52	1	4	29
Little Elkin	C.	1905	W. B. Luffman, North Wilkesboro	4	192	6	9	....	....	5	....	....	2	200	yes	....	1	....
Macedonia	C.	1876	Loyd Pardue, Elkin	1 & 3	171	12	8	1	....	5	....	....	1	186	no	1	1	....
Mt. Pleasant	C.	1887	B. F. Peeler, Taylorsville	1 & 3	181	8	11	....	....	8	....	....	2	192	.....	1	1	....
Pleasant Hill	V.	1897	David W. Day, Elkin	1	506	32	6	....	....	14	2	....	6	522	yes	2	1	....
Pleasant Home	T.	1884	Grant Cothren, Traphill	4	205	19	....	....	....	2	1	....	....	221	no	2	1	....
Poplar Springs	C.	1885	Richard Day, Elkin	3	182	5	1	2	....	6	....	....	....	184	yes	1	1	....
Rock Creek	C.	1849	Glenn Huffman, Parsonville	2	343	15	4	....	....	7	3	....	7	345	yes	1	1	....
Shoaly Branch	C.	1884	J. E. Hayes, North Wilkesboro	4	119	5	1	....	....	3	....	....	3	119	no	1	1	....
West Elkin	V.	.....	L. M. Cook, Elkin	1	.....	7	6	....	....	7	....	....	....	28	1	2	1	....
White Plains	C.	.....	J. S. Bryant, North Wilkesboro	3	193	1	....	....	....	2	1	....	2	189	.....	1	1	....

TABLE II—Sunday Schools of Stone Mountain Association for Year Ending Sept., 1944

CHURCHES	SUPERINTENDENTS AND POST OFFICES	Cradle Roll, 3 & under	Beginners, 3 to 5	Primaries, 6 to 8	Juniors, 9 to 12	Intermediates, 13 to 16	Young People, 17 to 24	Adults, 25 years and up	Extension Department	Gen. & Dept. Officers	Total Enrollment, Officers, Teachers & Pupils	Average Attendance	Baptisms From S. S.	Is the School Graded?	Is It Standard A-1?	Teachers hold. diplomas
Bessie's Chapel	B. T. Southard, Elkin	....	15	....	12	15	22	30	....	6	100	68	....	.....	.....	.....
Center	Link Spicer, Benham	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	60	....	.....	.....	.....
Cool Springs	G. D. Castevens, Elkin	....	44	....	20	13	26	58	....	8	169	85	10	no	no	no
East Elkin	Burrus Grey, Jonesville	....	19	12	26	12	16	33	....	2	120	50	....	no	no	no
Elkin Valley	G. M. Walters, Elkin	50	25	40	30	61	62	107	....	....	275	171	....	no	no	no
First Baptist	G. L. Hill, Elkin	11	28	21	45	40	28	128	70	3	374	167	19	yes	no	15
Little Elkin	Marvin Burcham, Ronda	....	26	....	33	....	35	32	....	4	130	78	....	.....	.....	.....
Macedonia	F. C. Anthony, Roaring River	13	7	18	17	20	15	31	....	....	121	51	7	.....	.....	.....
Mt. Pleasant	N. I. Irvin, State Road	....	9	10	23	26	26	58	....	3	155	51	8	no	no	.....
Pleasant Hill	L. H. Petree, Elkin	16	20	39	52	60	50	150	26	5	418	216	....	yes	no	.....
Pleasant Home	J. L. Jordan, Roaring River	....	20	17	16	21	39	22	....	4	139	90	19	yes	no	.....
Poplar Springs	R. W. Gentry, State Road	18	12	33	30	17	42	72	....	2	226	103	....	no	no	.....
Rock Creek	J. A. Sebastian, North Wilkesboro	....	32	....	14	16	....	18	....	....	80	50	6	no	no	.....
Shoaly Branch	Mrs. Callie Martin, Benham	6	4	4	10	4	7	14	....	....	39	20	5	no	no	.....
West Elkin	Cecil Hooper, Elkin	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	77	40	....	.....	.....	.....
White Plains	G. C. Tharpe, N. Wilkesboro	....	15	....	15	20	....	20	....	6	76	50	1	no	no	.....

TABLE III—Baptist Training Union of Elkin Baptist Association for the Year Ending September 30, 1944.

CHURCHES	TRAINING DIRECTORS AND POST OFFICES	Adult Unions	Young People's Unions	Intermediate Unions	Junior Unions	Story Hours	Total Unions & Story H.	Adults Enrolled	Young People Enrolled	Intermediates Enrolled	Juniors Enrolled	Story Hours Enrolled	Enrolled Unions & S. H.	No. Daily Bible Readers	No. Taking Study Course	Total Systematic Givers	Has Training Union been A-1 for One Quarter
Elkin Valley	Mrs. Mabel Couch, Elkin	1	1	1	2	....	5	17	8	40	15	....	80	38	51	49	no
Mt. Pleasant	Wm. A. Walters, State Road	1	1	1	....	1	4	12	10	15	....	6	43	....	....	....	no

TABLE IV—W. M. U. Organizations and Gifts, Elkin Baptist Association, for the Year Ending September 30, 1944.

CHURCHES	PRESIDENTS OF W. M. S. AND POST OFFICES	No. of W. M. S.	No. of Y. W. A.'s	No. of G. A.'s	No. of R. A.'s	No. of Sunbeams	Total W. M. U. Org.	W. M. S. Members	Y. W. A.'s Members	G. A.'s Members	R. A.'s Members	Sunbeam Members	Total Members Enrolled	Enrolled in Mission Study	Contributions (Local Work) Given by W.M.U.	Contributions (Missions) Given by W. M. U.
East Elkin	Mrs. G. W. Creed, Elkin	1	....	1	....	1	3	15	....	15	....	22	52	....	.....	$ 40.10
Elkin Valley	L. C. Holloway, Elkin	2	1	1	....	....	4	20	15	12	....	....	47	21	.....	176.39
First Baptist	Mrs. E. C. James, Elkin	1	1	2	2	1	7	127	14	26	31	17	225	28	.....	2156.56
Mt. Pleasant	Mrs. W. C. Wolfe, State Road	1	....	....	....	....	1	19	....	....	....	....	19	....	$21.00	56.25
Pleasant Hill	Mrs. Josephine Wilmoth, Elkin	1	....	1	....	....	2	11	....	19	....	....	30	....	5.00	56.40
Rock Creek	.....	1	....	....	....	....	1	12	....	....	....	....	12	12	19.44	68.23
West Elkin	Mrs. Ralph Sprinkle, Elkin	1	....	....	....	....	1	14	....	....	....	....	14	14	.....	.....

TABLE VI—Church Property of Elkin Baptist Association for Year Ending September 30th, 1944

CHURCHES	CHURCH CLERKS AND POST OFFICES	Does Church Own Its House of Worship?	When Was It Built?	Materials Used	Persons Seated	Number of Rooms	Dept. Assembly Rooms	Separate Class Rooms	Value of Church House and Grounds	Value of Pastor's Home	Total Value All Church Property	Amount of Insurance Carried
Bessie's Chapel	B. T. Southard, Elkin	yes	1935	wood	350	3			$3000.00			
Center	Ovid Johnson, Thurmond	yes	1839	wood	400	1			800.00			
Cool Springs	Eugene Pettyjohn, Elkin	yes		wood	700	7		6	3250.00			
East Elkin	L. H. Henderson, Elkin	yes	1921	wood	300	8		7	4000.00			
Elkin Valley	Hugh Couch, Elkin	yes	1914	wood	500	12		11	4000.00			1500.00
First Baptist	Hazel Byrd, Elkin	yes	1889	brick	300	33	6	28	45500.00	$4500.00	$50000.00	21000.00
Little Elkin	C. E. Walls, Ronda	yes	1905	wood	350	1			2000.00			
Macedonia	E. F. Edwards, Ronda	yes	1896	wood	400	6			3400.00			
Mt. Pleasant	Mrs. M. L. Donovan, State Road	yes	1905	wood	400	8		7	3000.00			
Pleasant Hill	Dallas Carter, Elkin	yes	1938	brick	800	20		15	25000.00		25000.00	
Pleasant Home	J. W. Cheek, Roaring River	yes		wood	400	1			1000.00			
Poplar Springs	J. W. Gentry, State Road	yes	1939	wood	400	7		6	5000.00			1500.00
Rock Creek	J. W. Brewer, North Wilkesboro	yes		wood	400	1			1000.00			
Shoaly Branch	W. F. Gilliam, Benham	yes	1894	wood	300	1			1000.00			
West Elkin	Mrs. Ed Murphy, Elkin	yes		wood	250	1						
White Plains	C. C. Alexander, Roaring River	yes		wood	300	1			1000.00			

TABLE VII—Gifts For Local Church Work of Elkin Baptist Association for Year Ending September 30, 1944.

CHURCHES	REGULAR TREASURERS AND POST OFFICES	Pastor's Salary Paid This Year	Other Salaries	Ministerial Help and Supply	Building and Repairs Spent This Year	Church Debt and Interest	Incidentals	Literature for Church Use, S. S. etc.	Help Given to Local Poor	Printing Minutes and Clerk of Association	Other Objects	(Local Work) Total for Local Purposes Given by Church and All Its Organizations.
Bessie's Chapel	Gaither Wall, Rusk	$239.39		$37.50	$119.09		$38.36	$27.03		$3.00		$ 464.46
Center	Link Spicer, Benham	122.00		8.00	50.00			12.00		3.20		270.20
Cool Springs	R. C. Harris, Elkin	277.44		49.11			57.97	66.87		5.00	100.00	556.39
East Elkin	G. W. Creed, Elkin	320.00		198.21	41.54	$20.00	255.31	49.50	40.32	4.00	10.00	939.78
Elkin Valley	M. H. Royal, Elkin	1067.28	$154.00	209.00	1008.05		386.71	200.63	171.52	8.30	684.22	3876.61
First Baptist	L. F. Walker, Elkin	2757.50	1165.30	300.00	1209.96		989.12	386.19	53.40	7.50	3697.62	10566.59
Little Elkin	C. E. Walls, Ronda	206.65		65.70			64.80	44.00	16.82	5.00		402.97
Macedonia	T. L. Byrd, Ronda	262.67		75.00	226.57		41.00	51.96		3.00	86.80	746.47
Mt. Pleasant	J. R. Gentry, State Road	603.73			11.82		115.51	121.40		5.00	45.87	903.33
Pleasant Hill	E. F. Yarboro, Elkin	2216.00	255.00	290.35	2813.84		586.76	250.98	294.79	8.00	72.80	6788.52
Pleasant Home	W. G. Burcham, Roaring River	136.25	29.00	87.30			30.00	30.00		5.00		308.55
Poplar Springs	Ike Nance, State Road	268.45			921.26		43.35	46.38		3.00	72.53	1354.97
Rock Creek	J. W. Brewer, North Wilkesboro	167.11		16.00			13.40	17.47	8.75	4.00	11.00	237.73
Shoaly Branch	W. F. Gilliam, Benham	165.00		41.00			190.00		40.00	2.50		438.50
West Elkin	C. W. Young, Elkin	202.17		18.00		150.00				2.00		372.17
White Plains	G. C. Tharpe, North Wilkesboro	125.00		40.00			20.75	26.44		4.00	18.40	234.59

TABLE VIII—Gifts For Missions, Education and Benevolences, Elkin Baptist Association, Year Ending September 30, 1944

CHURCHES	REGULAR TREASURERS AND POST OFFICES	Total to Cooperative Program	Special to Associational Missions	Special to State Missions	Special to Home Missions	Special to Foreign Missions	Special to Schools and Colleges	Special to Theological Seminaries	Special to Orphanage	Special to Hospitals	Special to Ministers' Retirement Fund	Red Cross and Foreign Relief	Other Objects	(Missions) Total given for Missions & Benev. by Church & all Depts.	Grand Total for All Purposes—Both Local Work & Missions—Given by Ch. & All Org.
Bessie's Chapel	Gaither Wall, Rusk								$20.03	$ 6.00				$ 26.03	$ 490.49
Center	Ovid Johnson, Thurmond														270.20
Cool Springs	R. C. Harris, Elkin								$21.50	18.40			$50.00	89.90	646.29
East Elkin	G. W. Creed, Elkin	$ 2.00		$22.86	$25.00	$18.25	$5.00	$ 2.00	49.86	54.05		6.00	3.00	187.02	1126.80
Elkin Valley	M. H. Royal, Elkin	91.80		52.10	110.47	102.54			200.00	131.89	$75.00	115.35	11.00	890.15	4766.76
First Baptist	L. F. Walker, Elkin	2506.75	$3.00	176.14	99.90	141.50	58.20	142.86	518.60	166.28		51.00	37.14	3902.37	14468.96
Little Elkin	C. E. Walls, Ronda								32.63	19.92		18.52		71.07	474.04
Macedonia	T. L. Byrd, Ronda								83.16	25.35				108.51	855.47
Mt. Pleasant	J. R. Gentry, State Road			5.00		51.25			25.69	86.93			45.87	214.24	1118.07
Pleasant Hill	E. F. Yarboro, Elkin	31.49		28.70					254.92	345.73	8.23			669.07	7457.59
Pleasant Home	W. G. Burcham, Roaring River								9.20	20.00				29.20	322.75
Poplar Springs	Ike Nance, State Road								104.08	10.00		20.00		134.08	1486.05
Rock Creek	J. W. Brewer, North Wilkesboro			5.00	8.12	15.81			5.15	14.00		5.00	29.37	82.45	324.18
Shoaly Branch	W. F. Gilliam, Benham								5.00	6.50				11.50	447.50
West Elkin	C. W. Young, Elkin	2.00								15.00				17.00	387.17
White Plains	G. C. Tharpe, North Wilkesboro				1.68	3.56			33.92	10.00				63.13	297.72

MINUTES

OF THE

Sixty-Seventh Annual Session

OF THE

Elkin Baptist Association

HELD WITH

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

ELKIN, N. C.

OCTOBER 4, 1945

E. M. ELDRIDGE ..... Moderator

W. H. COMBS ..... Clerk

The next session will be held with East Elkin Baptist Church, Elkin, N. C., on Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1946, beginning at 10:00 A. M.

PROCEEDINGS

of the
SIXTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION
of the
ELKIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Meeting With The First Baptist Church of Elkin, N. C.

October 4, 1945 — 10 A. M.

Devotion. Singing by Association — Song, Amazing Grace. Brother A. B. Hayes reading 12th Chapter of Romans, and leading in prayer.

Moderator, Rev. E. M. Eldridge, called the Association to order. Asked for visitors. Rev. Grant Cothren and L. B. Murray from the Stone Mountain Association were recognized and welcomed as visitors. Also R. M. Hauss from Allied Church League and Hoyt Blackwell from Mars Hill College.

Unanimously agreed that Brother Satterfield speak at this time in the interest of Meredith College.

Church letters called for and the following were handed in, read and messengers seated:

Bessie's Chapel—B. T. Southard, R. W. Steele, Gaither Wall.
Center—C. L. Johnson, S. S. Thompson.
Cool Springs—Eugene Pettyjohn, R. C. Harris and M. L. Pettyjohn.
East Elkin—C. E. Byrd, B. F. Rollins and R. C. Davis.
Elkin Valley—Mrs. Lester Cass, H. D. Woodruff, M. H. Royal.
First Baptist Church—G. L. Hill, E. C. James, Mrs. C. N. Myers.
Little Elkin—T. C. Gambill, J. H. Luffman, J. T. Byrd.
Macedonia—E. F. Edwards, F. C. Anthony.
Mt. Pleasant—W. A. Walters, Fred Burcham.
Pleasant Hill—Dallas Carter, L. H. Petree, Evelyn Myers.
Pleasant Home—W. G. Burcham, J. F. Darnell, W. E. Pardue.
Poplar Springs—S. B. Mooney, R. W. Gentry.
Rock Creek—J. N. Brewer, Eli Sebastian.
Shoaley Branch—A. F. Gentry, W. F. Gilliam.
West Elkin—Mrs. C. W. Young.
White Plains—Walter Bryant, G. C. Tharpe.

Committees Appointed:

Finance: H. D. Woodruff, M. L. Pettyjohn, Rosco Gentry.

Refreshments: Mrs. Tatum.

Committee on Committees: David Day, J. L. Powers, John Luffman.

Time and Place: W. A. Walters, Fred Burcham, G. L. Hill.

On motions duly made and unanimously carried the following officers were elected to serve for the ensuing year:

E. C. James ..... Moderator
E. M. Eldridge ..... Ass't. Moderator
W. H. Combs ..... Clerk
Mrs. Harvey Church ..... Ass't. Clerk
George Walters ..... Superintendent Sunday Schools

At this time Maple Springs Baptist Church of Ronda, N. C., was welcomed into the Association as a new member church.

Remarks by Bro. Hoyt Blackwell of Mars Hill College. Subject: Christian Education. He also stated that Mars Hill now had 753 regular students and 25 special students, also stating that they had more than 1,000 applications for admittance, but were unable to care for more than the above mentioned number.

The motion by H. D. Woodruff that the Association go back to a two-day schedule next year was referred to the committee on time and place.

Sermon by Rev. J. L. Powers, subject "Moving on for God." An excellent sermon and well delivered.

A motion by Rev. L. M. Cook and seconded by Mrs. C. N. Myers that the Association meet twice yearly, once in the spring and once in the fall, was unanimously carried.

Adjourned until 1:30 P. M. A delightful lunch was served by the ladies of the Hostess Church.

1:30 P. M.

Song by congregation — "Work for the Night is Coming."

Devotion—Led by Rev. L. M. Cook, reading 12th Chapter of Matthew.

Called to order by Moderator.

Recognition of Visitors: E. L. Spivey, Charlotte, N. C.; C. E. Parker, Winston-Salem, N. C.; Miss Ellen Daniels, Elkin, N. C.; Miss Evelyn Myers, Pleasant Hill Church.

Report by Committee on Time and Place for next year's meeting:

East Elkin Baptist Church, on Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1946, beginning at 10 A. M.

Report of Committee on Committees:

Missions—Mrs. E. C. James, Elkin, N. C.

Hospital—Mrs. Floyd Shoaf, Elkin, N. C.

Periodicals—Mrs. B. F. Rollins, Elkin, N. C.

Temperance—Rev. E. M. Eldridge, Elkin, N. C.

Orphanage—Mrs. W. A. Walters, State Road, N. C.

Women's Missionary Union—Mrs. C. N. Myers, Elkin, N. C.

Pastor & Church Relations—Rev. John Luffman, Ronda, N. C.

State of Churches—E. C. James, Elkin, N. C.

Ministers' Relief—Lester Henderson, Elkin, N. C.

Christian Education—Evelyn Myers, Elkin, N. C.

Resolutions—John Q. Burcham, Roaring River, N. C.

Bible Society—Rev. L. M. Cook, Elkin, N. C.

Sunday School—George Walters, Elkin, N. C.

DAVID DAY
J. L. POWERS
JOHN LUFFMAN, Committee

REPORT ON BAPTIST HOSPITAL

The North Carolina Baptist Hospital was incorporated in 1922 and received its first patient May 28, 1923. Originally planned as a 100-bed institution, it was enlarged in 1942 to a capacity of 247 beds and 55 bassinets.

The underlying purpose of the Baptist Hospital has always been medical care for the poor. Since the day it received its first patient it has offered a high type of hospital care on a statewide basis. Its caliber of service was enhanced many times over when the Wake Forest Medical School became a four-year school in 1941 and was located adjacent to the Baptist Hospital. When the Baptist Hospital became a teaching hospital, its purpose became twofold—teaching and healing, the twin endeavors of Christ.

The Baptist Hospital operates one of the fullest approved schools of nursing in the South, and at the present time has an enrollment of about 150 young ladies receiving professional training under Christian auspices. The students are selected under very high standards. Those students come from all over North Carolina and represent the highest type of womanhood—mentally, physically and morally. While the most rigid scientific training is given the girls, the hospital takes great pride in the Christian and humane attitude it develops in these girls.

Of the 8,000 patients admitted as bed patients each year, slightly over 4,000 of these are service patients who pay no doctor's fee, and who pay but a slight portion of their hospital expenses. During 1944 approximately 3,000 of these service patients paid absolutely nothing toward their hospital bill. It is toward the expense of these patients that the money given on Mother's Day each year is used. In addition to the free bed patients the hospital, as stated above, gives diagnostic examinations to approximately 20,000 free patients who are not admitted to the hospital each year. The cost to the hospital of free service rendered during 1944 was $198,648.92.

The hospital has developed into one of the top ranking hospitals of our nation in the caliber of its medical work. In developing its medical program care has been taken that the spiritual atmosphere of the hospital should develop to the same measure. Emphasis is given at every turn, in its educational program, in its employees, and with its patients to the spiritual needs of all coming in contact with the hospital. The religious program is under the direction of a full-time Chaplain and Student Secretary. This fine and fruitful service is made possible in part by the generosity of Mr. C. M. Scott of High Point, North Carolina, who contributes toward the cost of

the program. Due to the close touch which the nature of sickness allows the Chaplain to have with the patients, we have had many conversions and rededications in the hospital.

North Carolina Baptists have developed in their hospital one of the greatest medical centers in our country, and at the same time one of the strongest influences for the cause of Christ that exists in any land. Its huge opportunities for serving as an agency of mercy, as a means of teaching, and as a means of spreading the influence of Christ are a challenge to the generous heart of our great denomination that its program will not be restricted for lack of finances. All of its activities are operated on the highest of standards, and hence it requires a tremendous budget. It is self-supporting with the exception of its charity work, and it is for this merciful side of its program that North Carolina Baptists this year are giving over $100,000 through the Mother's Day program.
(Remarks by C. E. Parker and W. S. Evans)

Respectfully submitted,

G. L. HILL.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

As proof of the evil of drinking we give you the testimony of the chief of police and the mayor of one of our leading cities. The chief of police says that out of all the arrests he makes, at least 85 per cent is for drinking. Some have said that the release of beer and wine didn't do any harm. The same officer that made the above statement states that since the release of beer and wine, drunkenness has increased a lot and while all, or practically all of his arrests before the release of beer and wine, were old or middle-aged men, now 75 per cent are young girls and boys.

The mayor of the same city says that at least 95 per cent of all the cases tried in his court are caused either directly or indirectly by drinking. When we think of the facts of drinking with its evils is it any wonder that Solomon said wine is a mockery, strong drink is raging, and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise, Prov. 20:1. Here is the mischief of drunkenness. Wine is a mockery, strong drink is raging. It is so to the sinner himself. It promises him the satisfaction it cannot give, it smiles upon him at first, but at the last it bites in reflection upon him.

Drunkenness which pretends to be a sociable thing, renders men unfit for society for it makes them abusive with their tongues and outrageous in their passion. He that allows himself to be drawn into this sin when he is so plainly warned of the consequences of it is not wise. Who hath woe? Who hath sorrow? Who hath contentions? Who hath babblings? Who hath wounds without cause? Who hath redness of eyes? They that tarry long at the wine. Look not thou upon the wine when it is red. At the last it biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder. Thine eyes shall behold strange women and thine heart shall utter perverse things, yea thou shalt be as he that lieth in the midst of the sea or he that lieth upon the top of a mast, they have stricken me.

Thou shall say I was not sick, they have beaten me and I felt it not. When shall I awake? I will seek it yet again. Prov. 23: 29-35. Solomon here gives fair warning against the sin of drunkenness. He cautions all people to keep out of the way of temptations to this sin. Look not on the wine when it is red.

REV. LESTER JOHNSON, Committee.

Remarks by W. H. Caudle and R. M. Hauss.
Report adopted.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS

It is not safe to judge a man by the clothes he wears but it is safe to judge him by the things he reads. It is, therefore, vital to Christian growth that we carefully edit the reading matter placed before our families.

The story is told that Tom Paine, the infidel of a few generations ago, picked up a book for ten cents; It was a book making light of Christianity and Tom Paine became an agnostic and infidel. Charles Spurgeon bought a book for ten cents and as a direct result of reading it he became one of the most powerful preachers the world has ever known. So it is absolutely imperative that we zealously guard the literature which comes into our homes.

It is respectfully suggested that our Baptist periodicals rank among the best, if not the very best, that can be offered. The Biblical Recorder, The Charity and Children, The Commission and the books recommended by our Sunday School Board offer as fine a type of literature available anywhere at any price. May we set as our goal for this Association one or more Baptist publications in every home in this Association.

Respectfully submitted,
B. T. Southard, Chairman
Committee on Periodicals.

Remarks by E. C. James.
Report adopted.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE

November 11, 1885, the first child was received at the Baptist Orphanage. Since that time it has done a great work.

There are three kinds of child welfare: Institutional care, foster care and aid in the homes. Through these channels more than one thousand children have been cared for in the past year.

Now a still greater task lies ahead. There are children whose fathers have given their lives for their country and whose parents through dissipation and neglect have shirked their responsibility of caring for their own children.

We, as Christians, must not fail them. Our Orphanage has a record to be proud of. The spiritual, moral and physical records are high. However, instead of increasing the number of children in the home, much time is being spent in trying to help the families solve their problem and save the home. Wrecked homes are one of the greatest tragedies of our present generation. We win military victories in vain at the expense of our fine boys and girls. Unless we can here at home win spiritual and moral victories, that will unshackle the children of tomorrow.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. PAUL NEWMAN.

Remarks by Mrs. J. N. Shaffner of Mills Home, Thomasville, N. C.
Reported adopted.

REPORT ON RESOLUTIONS

As God has shown love and mercy to give our country victory over the Axis powers, given us wonderful crops and blessed so many of us to live until this session of the Elkin Baptist Association, be it resolved:

First: That we do all things whatsoever He has commanded us.

Second: That we humble ourselves and pray continually that the Holy Spirit lead us at all times.

Third: That we obey the Holy Spirit in whatsoever it may lead.

Fourth: That this Association extend its thanks to the First Baptist Church of Elkin for the hospitality shown.

JOHN Q. BURCHAM, Committee.

Report adopted.

REPORT ON STATE OF CHURCH

Christ instituted the church, the greatest institution in the world.

The condition of our churches today presents a problem for serious thought.

The church should be a leader in moulding the thinking and actions of the community in which they are located. Very often this is not the case.

We should consider the privilege of being a church member as something sacred and as a high privilege.

All too often our churches have not lived up to their highest responsibilities and have been inclined to compromise with worldliness.

May we pray that the churches come back to the old way of worship and a renewal of spiritual power.

Respectfully submitted,
W. H. COMBS, Committee.

Report adopted.

REPORT ON MINISTERS' RELIEF

No greater honor can come to any man in this life than that he should be called of God and set apart as a chosen vessel to carry the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the world.

Paul said in first Timothy "Let the elders that rule be counted worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in the word and doctrine." Let us strive to provide an income for our ministers in their old age that they might draw from when they are disabled to preach God's Word.

With all love and respect may we give a few dollars in the name of Charity, with all respect and love to the retired ministers. May we in this way show our appreciation to these old soldiers of the cross for a job well done.

Respectfully submitted,
L. H. HENDERSON, Committee

Report adopted.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

I must submit to you the fact that Christian education begins in the home. The first religious impression that is recorded in the child's mind usually comes from an influential, devoted Christian home, and for the most part from the mother in that home. A child left to himself very often brings shame to his mother. The mother has a real busy and responsible position in the home if she fills it well. The impressions received in the home are usually as lasting as life.

The influence that bears strongly on the child's Christian education is that implanted in the Sunday School. Also other unions

and organizations of the church. The Sunday School and church attendance cannot be too strongly emphasized.

Then too, some form of devotional exercises should be held in the public schools each day as an aid to Christian education. These principles and influences should be a part of high schools, colleges and universities as well. "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

Parents have no right to bring up children without first being a Christian themselves.

"Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." Matt. 28: 19-20.

The minister as well as the teacher needs to make the necessary preparations before attempting to stand before a group of eager listeners.

Respectfully submitted,
CHARLIE R. BYRD, Committee.

Report adopted.

REPORT ON BIBLE SOCIETY

The BIBLE is the greatest text book on earth. It is the "BOOK OF BOOKS." We, your committee, recommend that men everywhere read it. First: Read it to know the mind of God toward us, and to know our duty to God. Second: Believe it to be at peace with God, ourselves and each other. Third: Live by it to be happy in this life, and have the assurance of a happier life hereafter in Heaven.

We highly commend the "American Bible Society" of New York in its great mission work. It places Bibles in service men's hands, in hotel rooms and in homes; many times without cost or at a price less than the cost of publishing and printing.

May we be liberal to this worthy cause.

DAVID W. DAY, Committee.

Report Adopted.

REPORT ON PASTOR AND CHURCH RELATIONS

In Jeremiah 3:15 we find these words: "And I will give you Pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding."

The church is today, more than ever, looking to the Pastors for that spiritual food so sorely needed, to lift us up and above so many worldly and seemingly harmless, indulgences. The church as a whole, still expects the Pastor to act as a watchman, and warn the people that Jesus not only gave sweet promises, but He also left great commandments to be carried out, and before we can claim His promises we have to act on His commandments.

The Pastor is the Shepherd of his flock, and should go before and be on a higher plane than his followers, always being led by the spirit, thru much prayer and meditation.

The pastor likewise expects his members to cooperate, under his humble leadership, and the guidance of the Holy Spirit, that the Church may grow and prosper, and shine as a lighthouse on a hill, to beckon those who wander in the night.

We will find when the church and pastor work in unity and love, that it is not the soft seats and subdued lights, but strong,

courageous leadership; not the sweet tones of the organ or piano, but the sweet personalities that somehow reflect Jesus; not a budget, but big hearts in big people who love and serve; not the amount of money received, but the amount of service rendered in Jesus' name; not a large membership, but God's presence, direction, and power; not what it has done in the past, but what it is doing now and will do tomorrow, that makes a church really great.

Yes, the church expects much of its pastor. The pastor, too, expects much of his members, but how much more does our Heavenly Father expect of us, as Christian workers, than we are doing today? Let us put our might in our work, instead of our mite. Let us pray, as if every living thing depended on God, for it does, and then let us work as if everything depends on us, as pastors and church members, and God will surely bless our efforts.

Respectfully submitted,
LEWIS H. PETREE, Committee

Report adopted.

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS

Arvil Alexander	Elkin
J. S. Bryant	No. Wilkesboro, Route 2
J. T. Carlton	Jonesville
C. C. Cockerham	Roaring River
L. M. Cook	Elkin
Grant Cothren	Traphill
David Day	Elkin
Richard Day	Elkin
E. M. Eldridge	Elkin
J. E. Hayes	No. Wilkesboro
Glenn Huffman	Parsonville
John H. Luffman	Ronda
J. Martin Luffman	Ronda
W. B. Luffman	No. Wilkesboro
Levi McCann	Roaring River
Stephen Morrisett	Elkin
Lloyd Pardue	Elkin
B. F. Peeler	Taylorsville
J. L. Powers	Elkin
Gar Pruitt	Elkin
B. F. Rollins	Elkin
Floyd Stanley	Elkin
Clifford Vestal	Cycle
John Weatherman	State Road
G. D. White	Statesville
Woodrow Wishon	State Road

OUR DEPARTED ONES

BESSIE'S CHAPEL
Mr. Daniel Cheek

CENTER—
Mrs. Callie Hanks

COOL SPRINGS—
Mr. R. L. Wall
Mrs. Margaret Harris
Mrs. Lodemia Harpe
Mr. William B. Hunter
Mr. Charlie Brooks

EAST ELKIN—
Deacon T. C. Martin

ELKIN VALLEY—
Mrs. Carrie Woodruff
Mr. Wendell Martin (In Service)

FIRST BAPTIST—
Mr. James Powers (In Service)
Mr. Sammy Gambill (In Service)
Mr. R. L. Gentry
Mr. T. E. Burgess
Mr. S. E. Shumate
Mr. H. D. Transou

LITTLE ELKIN—
Mr. Tom Smith
Mrs. U. G. Love

MACEDONIA—
Mr. S. D. Poplin
Mr. Jack Eller
Mrs. Emma Casstevens

PLEASANT HILL—
Mrs. Ada Burcham
Miss Ruby Daye

PLEASANT HOME—
Mrs. Annie Gentry

POPLAR SPRINGS—
Mrs. Armindia Hinson

ROCK CREEK—
Mrs. Sallie Wood

SHOALEY BRANCH—
Mr. Samuel Gilliam
Mr. John C. Gentry
Mrs. Ida Wilmoth
Mrs. Jettie Petree

WEST ELKIN—
Mr. Henry Byrd
Mr. Gill Childress

WHITE PLAINS—
Mrs. Polly Ann Jordan
Mrs. W. S. Alexander

CONSTITUTION

1. This Association shall be known as the Elkin Baptist Association, and shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches; each church being entitled to three delegates, and all regular ordained ministers as members ex officio.

2. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's Kingdom upon earth.

3. The delegates thus selected should bear from each respective church a letter certifying their appointments, and communicating information relative to the state of the church and interest thereof.

4. The Association just formed shall elect, by ballot, a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall continue in office for one year, and until others are chosen. The last two offices may be held by the same individual.

5. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside at meetings of business; to keep order during each session; to decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the house by any member and to perform all other duties pertaining to his office.

6. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a faithful and correct record of all the proceedings of each session of the Association and keep a minute of each session and to perform other duties assigned to him by the Association.

7. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to keep a correct record of all the funds coming into the hands and report the same at the order of the Association.

8. There shall be a Committee of Arrangements consisting of five members, besides the Moderator and Clerk.

9. All letters or grievances or queries, together with all letters from corresponding associations requiring any attention thereon, shall be submitted to the Committee on Arrangements and reported back to the Association.

10. This body shall have no coersive power to exercise lordship over God's heritage, but shall only be considered as advisory council in all matters respecting the internal regulation of the churches.

11. When an offense may have been committed by one church against another, or when a series of difficulties may have arisen in an individual church, it shall be the duty of the Association (after due labors have been had between the offending and offended churches, or an individual church, as the case may be) to take the matter into consideration and advise upon it.

12. The Association shall not maintain permanent fellowship towards any of her churches which neglect to institute and preserve Gospel order among their members, nor any of her churches or ministers that treat her constitution with contempt; but shall sustain with all her influence, such as promote Gospel principles and order.

13. It shall be the province of this Association to invite visiting and corresponding brethren to seats, who shall be entitled to speak on any point under discussion, but not to vote.

14. The Association shall in all cases, (except in matters pertaining to the constitution) be governed by a majority of the members present, and shall not adjourn until they have gone through the business of the Association, except in extraordinary cases.

15. Each church having an ordained or licensed minister shall

report the same to the Association in order that they may appear as such in the face of the minutes.

16. The Association shall furnish the churches with the minutes of her proceedings; and it shall be the duty of the churches to enable her to do so.

17. The Association shall have a fund, created and sustained by voluntary contributions from the churches, which shall be held by the treasurer and subject to the disposition of a majority of the Association present at any annual session.

18. The Association shall hold an annual meeting at such time and place as the body may from time to time designate.

19. By appointment of the Association there may be an Introductory, Missionary and Denominational sermon preached each annual session.

20. This Constitution may be altered or amended at any time, two thirds of the members present concurring.

21. The benevolent institutions of the day shall be no bar or test of fellowship, but all shall be free to sustain or not sustain as they choose.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2. The letters from the churches shall be read and the names of the delegates enrolled.

3. A Moderator and Clerk chosen by a majority of the members present.

4. Only one member shall speak at a time who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator; and while speaking shall not be interrupted by any member, except the Moderator.

5. The members speaking shall strictly adhere to the subject, and use no words calculated to irritate.

6. No member shall abruptly break off or absent himself without leave of the Association.

7. No member shall speak more than three times upon one subject without leave of the Association.

8. No member shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of the Association, nor whispering in time of public speech.

9. No member of the Association shall address another in any other appellation than that of brother.

10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member or prohibit him from speaking till he gives his light on the subject, unless he breaks this decorum.

11. The names of the several members of the Association shall be called by the Clerk as often as the Association requires.

12. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privileges as any other member, provided his seat be filled; and he shall have no vote, unless the Association be equally divided.

13. Queries presented by churches shall be attended to by the Association.

14. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

15. Any member who shall willingly and knowingly break any of these rules, shall be reproved by the Association, as they shall think proper.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in only true and living God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost and these three are one.

2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the words of God, and the only rules of Faith and Practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of Election by grace.

4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin, and in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature by his own free will or ability.

5. We believe that sinners are called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit and that all who are thus regenerated and born again by the Spirit of God, shall never fall finally away.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God by the imputed Righteousness of Jesus Christ.

7. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ; and that true believers are the only subjects of those ordinances; and we believe that the only true mode of Baptism is by immersion.

8. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment, and that the joys of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

9. We believe that no minister has the right to administer the ordinances of the Gospel, except such as are regularly called, and come under the imposition of hands by the Presbytery.

TABLE I — Church Membership, Etc., of Elkin Association for Year Ending September 30, 1945

CHURCHES	Located in Village, Town, City or County	When Constituted	PASTORS AND POST OFFICES	Days of Meeting	CHURCH MEMBERSHIP													
					Total Members Reported Last Year	Gains				Losses				Total Present Members (Incl. Non-Res.)	Non-Res. Members	Weekly Prayer Meet.	Revivals During Yr.	Obs. Lord's Supper	Rec. State Bap. Paper
						Baptisms	Letters	Statements	Restorations	Letters	Exclusions	Erasures	Deaths						
Bessie's Chapel	C.	1934	L. M. Cook, Elkin	3	52	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	53	....	....	2	1	....
Center	C.	1839	Clifford Vestal, Cycle	1	48	4	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	51	....	....	2	1	....
Cool Springs	C.	1805	Grant Cothren, Traphill	2	257	3	....	....	....	8	....	....	5	247	....	52	1	1	....
East Elkin	T.	1921	J. L. Powers, Elkin	2 & 4	225	12	9	....	....	3	....	....	1	242	....	1	2	1	....
Elkin Valley	V.	1881	G. D. White, Statesville	1 & 3	424	13	7	....	....	9	....	....	2	433	....	52	2	1	....
First Baptist	T.	1889	Stephen Morrisett, Elkin	Full Day	515	23	24	....	1	11	1	....	6	545	....	52	1	4	....
Little Elkin	C.	1905	W. B. Luffman, N. Wilkesboro	4	200	4	....	....	1	6	....	....	2	197	104	1	1	1	....
Macedonia	C.	1876	Loyd Pardue, Elkin	1 & 3	192	27	4	....	....	1	....	....	3	219	54	....	2	1	....
Mt. Pleasant	V.	1897	B. F. Peeler, Taylorsville	1 & 3	175	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	175	....	52	1	1	3
Pleasant Hill	V.	1897	David N. Day, Elkin	Full Day	522	22	12	2	....	2	....	....	2	554	83	52	3	1	1
Pleasant Home	C.	1884	Grant Cothren, Traphill	4	221	....	1	....	....	4	....	....	1	217	....	....	1	1	....
Poplar Springs	C.	1885	Richard Day, Elkin	3	185	15	1	....	....	2	....	....	1	198	53	52	2	1	....
Rock Creek	C.	1849	Glenn Huffman, Parsonville	2	353	12	2	....	....	4	....	....	1	362	....	....	1	1	....
Shoaly Branch	C.	1884	J. E. Hayes, N. Wilkesboro	4	114	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	4	110	32	18	1	1	....
West Elkin	V.	1940	J. L. Powers, Elkin	3 & 4	48	4	2	....	....	2	....	....	2	50	13	52	1	....	....
White Plains	C.	....	J. S. Bryant, N. Wilkesboro	3	190	2	....	....	....	2	....	....	2	188	....	....	1	....	....
TOTAL					3721	143	62	2	2	54	1	....	34	3841	339	....	....	....	....

TABLE II—Sunday Schools of Elkin Baptist Association for Year Ending Sept., 1944

CHURCHES	SUPERINTENDENTS AND POST OFFICES	Cradle Roll, 3 & under	Beginners, 3 to 5	Primaries, 6 to 8	Juniors, 9 to 12	Intermediates, 13 to 16	Young People, 17 to 24	Adults, 25 years & up	Extension Department	Gen. & Dept. Officers	Total Enrollment, Officers, Teachers & Pupils	Average Attendance	Baptisms From S. S.	Is the School Graded?	Is It Standard A-1?	Teachers hold diplomas	Enrollment of Vac. Sch.	Av. Attend. Vac. Sch.
Bessie's Chapel	B. T. Southard, Elkin		10		15	12	25	28			90	68						
Center												30						
Cool Springs	R. C. Harris, Elkin		35		25	23	15	57		8	163	86	3	no	no	1		
East Elkin	L. H. Henderson, Elkin		19	14	22	30	17	38		2	142	64	12	yes	no			
Elkin Valley	G. M. Walters, Elkin	35	40	30	40	60	65	100		14	384	212		no	no			
First Baptist	G. L. Hill, Elkin	22	27	32	45	57	22	143	67	2	417			yes	no		104	86
Little Elkin	Garfield Gambill, Ronda		26	33		35		33		3	130	75	14	no	no			
Macedonia	F. C. Anthony, Roaring River	19	20	18	25	24	30	43		1	180	78	21	no	no			
Mt. Pleasant	Wm. A. Walters, State Road	3	11	7	24	22	25	71		3	166	63		no	no		40	38
Pleasant Hill	L. H. Petree, Elkin	20	43	43	64	43	54	160		4	431	257	20	yes	no			
Pleasant Home	J. L. Jordan, Roaring River		12	15	10	16	38	21			112	50		no	no			
Poplar Springs	R. W. Gentry, State Road	12	50		29	48	63	33		2	237	112		no	no			
Rock Creek	Vaughn Byrd, N. Wilkesboro		15		12	25	18	18			88	60		no	no			
Shoaly Branch	Mrs. Callie Martin, Benham	2	4	8	6	6	8	12			46	30		no	no			
West Elkin	Cecil Hooper, Elkin		19	8		24		28			79	44	4	yes	no			
White Plains	Coy McCann, Roaring River		10		15	20		25			70	60		no	no			
		113	341	208	332	445	380	810	67	39	2735	1289	74				144	124

TABLE III—Baptist Training Union of Elkin Baptist Association for the Year Ending Sept. 30, 1945

CHURCHES	TRAINING DIRECTORS AND POST OFFICES	Adult Unions	Young People's Unions	Intermediate Unions	Junior Unions	Story Hours	Total Unions & Story H.	Adults Enrolled	Young People Enrolled	Intermediates Enrolled	Juniors Enrolled	Story Hours Enrolled	Gen & Dept. Officers	Enrolled Unions & S. H.	No. Study Course Awds.	Youth Week Observed?	Intermediate Emphasis
Elkin Valley	Mrs. Ivory Couch, Elkin	1	1	1	1	....	4	12	10	31	22	....	18	93	51	.....	.....
Macedonia	Mrs. Irvin Key, Ronda	1	1	1	1	1	5	38	9	17	20	25	15	124	....	.....	.....
Mt. Pleasant	Mrs. N. A. Walters, State Road	....	1	....	1	1	3	....	10	....	12	6	....	28	....	yes	yes

TABLE IV—W. M. U. Organizations and Gifts, of Elkin Baptist Association, for the Year Ending Sept., 30, 1945

CHURCHES	PRESIDENTS OF W. M. S. AND POST OFFICES	No. of W. M. S.	No. of Y. W. A.'s	No. of G. A.'s	No. of R. A.'s	No. of Sunbeams	Total W. M. U. Org.	W. M. S. Members	Y. W. A.'s Members	G. A.'s Members	R. A.'s Members	Sunbeam Members	Total Members Enrolled	Enrolled in Mission Study	Contributions (Local Work) Given by W.M.U.	Contributions (Missions) Given by W. M. U.
East Elkin	Mrs. G. W. Creed, Elkin	1	....	1	....	1	3	14	....	22	....	20	56	14	.....	$94.83
Elkin Valley	Mrs. Brady Settle, Elkin	2	1	1	....	....	4	25	15	15	....	....	55	25	.....	305.02
First Baptist	Mrs. G H. Tatum, Elkin	1	1	2	1	1	6	154	14	30	10	23	221	63	.....	.....
Mt. Pleasant	Mrs. W. C. Wolfe, State Road	1	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	63.50
Pleasant Hill	Mrs. Lester Cleary, Elkin	1	....	2	....	....	3	18	....	36	....	....	54	18	$32.50	72.79
Poplar Springs	Alma Mae West, State Road	1	....	....	....	....	1	19	....	....	....	....	19	....	36.71	.....
Rock Creek	Mrs. Vassie Porter	1	....	....	....	....	1	20	....	....	....	....	20	....	57.81	8.25
West Elkin	Mrs. Ralph Sprinkle	1	....	....	....	....	1	17	....	....	....	....	17	....	20.00	34.81

TABLE VI—Church Property of Elkin Baptist Association for Year Ending September 30th, 1945

CHURCHES	CHURCH CLERKS AND POST OFFICES	Does Church Own Its House of Worship?	When Was It Built?	Materials Used	Persons Seated	Number of Rooms	Dept. Assembly Rooms	Separate Class Rooms	Value of Church House and Grounds	Value of Pastor's Home	Total Value All Church Property	Amount if Insurance Carried
Bessie's Chapel	B. T. Southard, Elkin	yes	1935	wood	350	3	....	....	$3,000.00	....	....	....
Center	Ovid Johnson, Thurmond	yes	1839	wood	400	1	....	....	800.00	....	....	....
Cool Springs	Eugene Pettyjohn, Elkin	yes	....	wood	700	7	....	....	3,250.00	....	....	....
East Elkin	L. H. Henderson, Elkin	yes	1921	wood	300	8	....	....	4,000.00	....	....	....
Elkin Valley	Hugh Couch, Elkin	yes	1914	wood	500	12	....	....	4,000.00	....	....	$1,500.00
First Baptist	Hazel Byrd, Elkin	yes	1889	brick	300	33	6	28	45,500.00	$4,500.00	$50,000.00	21,000.00
Little Elkin	C. E. Walls, Ronda	yes	1905	wood	350	1	....	....	2,000.00	....	....	....
Macedonia	E. F. Edwards, Ronda	yes	1896	wood	400	6	....	....	3,400.00	....	....	....
Mt. Pleasant	Mrs. M. L. Donovan, State Road	yes	1905	wood	400	8	....	7	3,000.00	....	....	3,000.00
Pleasant Hill	Dallas Carter, Elkin	yes	1938	brick	800	20	....	15	25,000.00	....	25,000.00	6,000.00
Pleasant Home	J. F. Darnell, Roaring River	yes	....	wood	400	1	....	....	1,000.00	....	....	....
Poplar Springs	J. W. Gentry, State Road	yes	1939	wood	400	7	....	6	5,000.00	....	....	5,800.00
Rock Creek	J. W. Brewer, N. Wilkesboro	yes	....	wood	400	1	....	....	1,000.00	....	....	....
Shoaly Branch	W. F. Gilliam, Benham	yes	1894	wood	300	1	....	....	1,000.00	....	....	....
West Elkin	Mrs. Ed Murphy, Elkin	yes	1941	wood	250	1	....	....	3,500.00	....	....	2,000.00
White Plains	G. C. Tharpe, N. Wilkesboro, Rt. 2	yes	....	wood	300	1	....	....	1,000.00	....	....	....

TABLE VII — Gifts For Local Church Work of Elkin Baptist Association for Year Ending September 30, 1945

CHURCHES	REGULAR TREASURERS AND POST OFFICES	Pastor's Salary Paid This Year	Other Salaries	Ministerial Help and Supply	Building and Repairs Spent This Year	Church Debt and Interest	Incidentals	Literature for Church Use, S. S., etc.	Help Given to Local Poor	Printing Minutes and Clerk of Association	Bldg. Reserve Fund	Other Objects	(Local Work) Total for Local Purposes Given by Church and All Its Organizations.
Bessie's Chapel	Gaither Wall, Elkin	233.42		51.58			36.33	26.27		4.00		13.42	365.02
Center	Link Spicer, Benham	130.00		44.00	50.00			16.00		3.00			243.00
Cool Springs	R. C. Harris, Elkin	264.96		49.45			46.37	71.62		5.00		76.12	513.52
East Elkin	G. W. Creed, Elkin	543.85		150.00	419.76		171.61	63.75		4.00		269.30	1,622.27
Elkin Valley	M. H. Royall, Elkin	1,421.93	150.00	183.35	755.84		336.26	235.94	208.05	10.00	1,000.00	1,498.62	5,799.99
First Baptist	L. F. Walker, Elkin	2,796.00	1,600.40	330.00	200.00	7,750.00	930.00	262.47		10.00	5,800.00	860.50	21,539.37
Little Elkin	C. E. Walls, Ronda	341.52	18.55	67.50			38.50	44.38		5.00		121.05	636.50
Macedonia	T. L. Byrd, Ronda	602.00		140.17	245.00		88.41	66.42		4.00		85.95	1,231.95
Mt. Pleasant	J. R. Gentry, State Road	55.56		260.60	6.50		102.39	139.90		5.00	329.48	47.98	1,447.41
Pleasant Hill	E. F. Yarboro, Elkin	2,597.90	1,154.78	503.86	1,624.82		781.31	268.38	451.57	8.00		790.70	8,181.32
Pleasant Home	W. G. Burcham, Roaring River	185.00	20.00	81.00			28.00	41.00	21.56	3.00			379.56
Poplar Springs	Ike Nance, State Road	426.44		212.26	642.15		97.60	46.67		5.00		54.67	1,484.79
Rock Creek	J. W. Brewer, N. Wilkesboro	290.67		34.12			126.00			4.00			454.79
Shoaly Branch	W. F. Gilliam, Benham	182.00		30.00			45.00	10.00	20.00	2.50			289.50
West Elkin	C. W. Young, Elkin	221.57		71.00		500.30	113.72	24.50	12.96	2.00		20.00	966.05
White Plains	Paul Byrd, Roaring River	123.99		70.01			25.64	34.22		5.00			258.86
		10,916.81	2,943.73	2,278.90	3,944.07	8,250.30	2,967.14	1,351.52	714.14	79.50	7,129.48	4,838.31	45,413.90

TABLE VIII—Gifts For Missions, Education and All Benevolences, Elkin Baptist Association, Year Ending September 30, 1945

CHURCHES	REGULAR TREASURERS AND POST OFFICES	Total to Cooperative Program	Special to Associational Missions	Special to State Missions	Special to Home Missions	Special to Foreign Missions	Special to Schools and Colleges	Special to Theological Seminaries	Special to Orphanage	Special to Hospitals	Special to Ministers' Retirement Fund	Red Cross and Foreign Relief	Other Objects	(Missions) Total given for Missions & Benev. by Church & all Depts.	Grand Total for All Purposes — Both Local Work & Missions-Given by Ch. & All Org.
Bessie's Chapel	Gaither Wall, Elkin								$32.27	$15.80		$30.89		$78.96	$443.98
Center	Ovid Johnson, Thurmond								14.00					14.00	257.00
Cool Springs	R. C. Harris, Elkin								34.32	26.00				60.32	573.84
East Elkin	G. W. Creed, Elkin	$30.00	$2.00	$54.50	$33.00	$6.00	$5.00	$2.00	40.00	81.32	$2.00		$7.00	262.82	1,885.09
Elkin Valley	M. H. Royal, Elkin			8.63					354.27	234.75			305.02	902.67	6,702.66
First Baptist	L. F. Walker, Elkin	3,295.39		49.40	51.00	136.25			656.71	86.10		125.77	63.49	4,464.11	26,003.48
Little Elkin	C. E. Walls, Ronda								7.50	20.28				27.78	664.28
Macedonia	T. L. Byrd, Ronda								153.41	62.80				216.21	1,448.16
Mt. Pleasant	J. R. Gentry, State Road	30.00			30.00	33.50			70.00	60.00			74.67	298.17	1,745.58
Pleasant Hill	E. F. Yarboro, Elkin	52.88							441.02	424.01	52.86		165.48	1,136.25	9,317.57
Pleasant Home	W. G. Burcham, R. River								16.45	25.00			16.30	57.75	437.31
Poplar Springs	Ike Nance, State Road			12.40					100.00	30.00		51.00		193.40	1,678.19
Rock Creek	J. W. Brewer, N. Wilkes	5.00		9.56		8.25			6.00	9.00			28.25	66.06	520.85
Shoaly Branch	W. F. Gilliam, Benham								5.00					5.00	294.50
West Elkin	C. W. Young, Elkin	37.81								16.00				53.81	1,019.86
White Plains	Paul Byrd, Roaring River								27.96	18.30				46.26	305.12
		$3,451.08	$2.00	$134.49	$114.00	$184.00	$5.00	$2.00	$1,958.91	$1,109.36	$54.86	$207.66	$660.21	$7,883.57	$53,297.47

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MINUTES

OF THE

Sixty-Eighth Annual Session

OF THE

Elkin Baptist Association

HELD WITH

EAST ELKIN BAPTIST CHURCH

ELKIN, N. C.

OCTOBER 3, 1946

E. C. JAMES, Moderator ..... Elkin, N. C.

W. H. COMBS, Clerk ..... Elkin, N. C.

The next session will be held with Poplar Springs Baptist Church, State Road, N. C., on Friday, before the first Sunday in October, 1947, beginning at 10 A. M.

PROCEEDINGS

of the

SIXTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION

of the

ELKIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Meeting With The East Elkin Baptist Church of Elkin, N. C.

October 3, 1946 — 10 A. M.

Devotional. Singing by Association — Song, Stand Up For Jesus, Prayer by Mr. Gilliam. Scripture Reading: First Chapter Acts, fourth through eleventh verse by Rev. Clarence Gwaltney. Remarks and prayer by Rev. Clarence Gwaltney.

Association called to order by the Moderator, E. C. James.

The following visitors were recognized and welcomed: Earl W. Bradley representing State Mission Board; John R. Link representing Mars Hill College; John Arch McMillian representing Baptist Orphanage; Everett Miller representing Meredith College; O. F. Herring representing Wake Forest College; Brother Gilliam of Stone Mountain Association.

Church letters called for and the following were presented, read and messengers seated:

Bessie's Chapel — K. M. Steele, A. C. Wall, Mrs. Kandis Brown.
Center — Link Spicer, C. L. Johnson.
Cool Springs — Eugene Pettyjohn, M. L. Pettyjohn, C. B. Lewis.
East Elkin — L. H. Henderson, C. C. Richardson, Glenn Cooke.
Elkin Valley — H. D. Woodruff, Mrs. Lester Holloway, Mrs. J. C. Gwaltney.
First Baptist — Mrs. E. C. James, Mrs. C. N. Myers, Mrs. G. L. Hill, Mrs. C. R. Alexander, L. F. Walker.
Little Elkin — Clifton Laster, Jas. T. Byrd, Mary Laster.
Macedonia — Ralph Tharpe, F. C. Anthony, Mrs. Grady Demmette.
Maple Springs — N. H. Caudle, Glenn Burchett, Arthur Laffoon.
Mt. Pleasant — Fred Burcham, Walter Carter, Mrs. Fred Burcham, Mrs. Carl Murray.
Pleasant Hill — Dallas Carter, Mrs. D. C. Gilliam.
Pleasant Home — J. F. Darnell, J. Q. Burcham.
Poplar Springs — R. W. Gentry.
Rock Creek — Collie Sebastian, Dona Wood, U. C. Wood.
Shoaley Branch — W. F. Gilliam, W. M. Darnell, A. F. Gentry.
West Elkin — Guy Hinson, Mrs. C. W. Young.
White Plains — Paul Byrd, Noah Parks, B. E. Blackburn.

The following committees were then appointed by the Moderator:

Finance: J. T. Byrd.

Time and Place: Roscoe Gentry and M. L. Pettyjohn.

Committee on Committees: L. M. Cook, Lloyd Pardue.

On motion duly made and unanimously carried the following officers were elected to serve for the ensuing year:

E. C. James, Elkin, N. C. ..... Moderator
E. M. Eldridge, Elkin, N. C. ..... Assistant Moderator
W. H. Combs, Elkin, N. C. ..... Clerk
Mrs. Harvey Church ..... Assistant Clerk

At this time Oak Grove Baptist Church of North Wilkesboro, Route 2, was welcomed into the Association as a new member church.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

God's first servants expressed the importance of Christian education in words like these, "Gather the people together, men, women and children and the stranger that is within thy gates, that they may hear, learn and fear the Lord our God and observe to do all thy words of the law." Deut. 31:12. We need to recall that Jesus committed to our trust teaching as well as preaching. Our slowness to realize this importance of teaching has manifested itself in our churches with many who are undeveloped spiritually.

We believe the home to be the most important source of Christian education. Therefore, the Christian grown should start in the home. We need to encourage and earnestly plead that Christian parents:

1st — Re-establish the family altar.

2nd — Zealously train their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

Our children are too precious to be handled in a careless manner. This Christian training in the home will solve many of our juvenile delinquency cases.

We are thankful for our schools and colleges that are giving Christian education to our youth. We cannot emphasize too much the purpose of our institutions of learning. There must be a difference in our schools from the state institutions. This difference, Christ should be and must be the center of our schools, if our Christian experience is to be broad, deep and full of meaning, we must have instructors who not only know their subject, but have a personal experience in Christ, who can say with the Apostle Paul, "I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day." The spirit of Christ should pervade and prevail in all activities of school life. This will help the youth to learn the secret of carrying His spirit into all the activities and relationships of their lives.

We should as church workers, lay members and all right living, right thinking people give our earnest attention to Christian education.

We commend our schools to our people and we urge that they support them with their prayers, patronage and their means.

Respectfully submitted,

EVELYN MYERS

Remarks by Mr. Everett Miller of Meredith College, Mr. John R. Link of Mars Hill College and O. F. Herring of Wake Forest College. Report adopted.

Sermon by Rev. A. B. Hayes, text 4th Chapter of Acts, Subject the Model Church.

Prayer by Rev. J. L. Powers.

Adjournment for lunch.

1:00 P. M.

Song by congregation, Leaning on the Everlasting Arm. Devotion led by Rev. Grover Tilley, reading First Psalm.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

Temperance is the "habitual moderation of the appetites and passions." The temperate individual will guard his appetite in all things. Paul said, "Every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things." He was a living example of his preaching. He says again, "But I keep under my body, and bring it unto subjection; lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway."

The temperate use of intoxicating liquors has not been found a wise course. Some people cannot use alcoholic beverages temperately. The Keely Institute estimates that two out of every one hundred drinkers will never be able to control themselves. The wise course for Christians is abstainence in either the sale or use of intoxicating beverages in any form.

A present need in North Carolina is some means of cooperation in fighting mankind's number one enemy, the liquor traffic. The Allied Church League offers the best means of such cooperation at present. Another need is the encouragement and support by Christians of our local law enforcement officers in any effort they may make to combat this evil. Finally, we need to express ourselves as citizens of the State. If we keep silent while the state damns her citizens by selling them liquor, beer, or wine, we must bear part of the penalty involved.

Respectfully submitted,

HOWARD J. FORD

Remarks by Rev. Howard J. Ford. Report unanimously adopted.

REPORT ON HOSPITAL

Our Baptist Hospital has had another full and fruitful year. In the past few years its facilities to care for the sick have been greatly increased. This is true for both those who do not have the money to pay for complete hospital care and those who have complicated afflictions which the hospitals and doctors in most communities are not prepared to care for.

Our Baptist Hospital operates one of the best schools of nursing in the South. It seeks the finest young women mentally, physically and spiritually, to train for a Christian ministry of healing. It invites young women from our Baptist homes and churches who are interested in giving their lives to this important profession to consider going there for their training. The need for nurses is urgent.

Any girl 18 years of age or over, with high school education, or better, is eligible to apply. She should write the Director, Nursing Department, North Carolina Baptist Hospital, Winston-Salem, N. C.

The urgent and outstanding need of our Baptist Hospital is the construction of a new south wing. This would provide 140 new beds, which we so greatly need, especially to care for the more seriously ill who need private rooms. Additional operating and delivery rooms and X-ray facilities would be included. It would provide adequate kitchen and storage room, where the hospital is now seriously handicapped for lack of space. Also, it would provide room for a laundry. It now costs the hospital over $50,000.00 a year to get its laundry done outside. The new wing would greatly increase the service of our hospital to the sick and would enable it to increase its income.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. FLOYD P. SHOAF

Remarks by Dr. Carpenter.

Report unanimously adopted.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE

The backwash of war is presenting to orphanage workers some very acute problems. Among these are the increased cost of living, the difficulty in securing a well equipped staff and the most serious concern of how to help meet the problems in the ever increasing number of broken homes.

In spite of these difficulties, the orphanage has had another successful year, especially from the standpoint of income.

The farm activities in the past year have been unusually successful. The orphanage farm produced last year the following:

Barley	2,670 bushels
Oats	5,207 bushels
Corn	7,725 bushels

Hog meat, 49,018 lbs.; eggs, 27,740 dozen; milk, 76,002 gallons.

Vegetables of all kinds sufficient to supply their needs were produced.

A total of 700 children were under care during the year.

Each of the homes have an ordained minister who directs a successful physical education program.

Under the leadership of the two pastors, Rev. J. A. Neilson of the Mills Home and Rev. Cleveland Wilkie of the Kennedy Home, these two churches have a positive influence in the lives of our boys and girls.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. WM. A. WALTERS

Remarks by Rev. Arch McMillan. Report unanimously adopted.

REPORT ON MINISTERS RELIEF

I consider the minister's relief worthy of our consideration. Paul said in First Timothy — "Let the elders that rule be counted worthy of double honor especially those who labor in the word and doctrine." The plan of North Carolina Baptist's provides an income for the retired ministers and we thank God for it.

There is an ample opportunity for Baptist Churches at small cost to provide their pastors against the days when disability of age and body retires them.

May we give a few dollars in the name of charity. With all respect and love to the retired ministers, may we as Baptist people give more to help support the retired ministers in the future than we have in the past. I therefore heartily commend the minister's relief and wish that all who love Christ and the Word of God would be generous in their support to these old soldiers of the cross for a job well done.

Respectfully submitted,

L. H. HENDERSON, Committee

Remarks by E. C. James. Report unanimously adopted.

REPORT ON TIME AND PLACE

TIME: Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1947.

PLACE: Poplar Springs Church.

MINISTER: Rev. Clarence Gwaltney.

ALTERNATE: Rev. Woodrow Wishon.

Respectfully submitted,

R. W. GENTRY

M. L. PETTYJOHN

Report unanimously adopted.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS

This is a reading age. Our people are going to read something, either good or bad, therefore it is important to place good wholesome literature in the hands of our people, especially our young people. What we read furnishes food for our thought. We also get thought from within our hearts. No man is sufficient unto himself, but dependent on others in part for his thoughts. The Bible furnishes basis for our thoughts about God and our fellow men. The Biblical Recorder furnishes information from all over the State about the progress of our denominational work. Let's take the Recorder and Charity and Children and last but not least, let's stress the importance of teaching the Bible in our schools.

Respectfully submitted,

W. F. GILLIAM

Report unanimously adopted.

REPORT ON AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY

The Bible is the book of divine revelation. Holy men wrote as they were moved by the Holy Spirit. And holy men wrote as given to them by Christ. We treasure this great Book, as the book of all books. May it be found in the home, in the school, in offices, in hotels and in the automobile. Jesus said "the words I speak unto you, they are spirit and they are life." May Christ be recognized through the medium of His word.

Respectfully submitted,

REV. L. M. COOK

Report unanimously adopted.

REPORT ON MISSIONS

"Missions, our mission" is a good slogan for Missionary Baptists. That we may not give to one more than its share and neglect other phases of the work, undesignated funds are divided so that all receive an appropriate share. The dollar is divided thus:

Foreign Missions	.50
Home Missions	.23 1/3
Annuity	.10 1/3
Southern Baptist Theo. Seminary	.04 1/5
Southwestern Baptist Seminary	.04 1/5
Baptist Bible Inst.	.04 1/5
W.M.U.	.08 1/5
Am. Baptist Theo. Sem.	.01. 1/2
Southern Baptist Hospital	.01 7/10
	1.00

The war has greatly increased our opportunities for service and now the need is even greater as so many fields are opening up. The greatest and most urgent need perhaps is the enlistment of the unlisted at home and the building back and manning of the destroyed churches and institutions in the war torn countries. We have not yet reached our goal of $400,000.00 in N. C. for relief and rehabilitation. If every Baptist paid $1.00 we could more than reach our goal. Every church, yea, every Baptist should give an offering to this needy cause. The minimum of Christian giving should be the tithe. "The Title is holy unto the Lord. It is our rent money to the Lord.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. E. C. JAMES

Remarks by E. C. James and Earl Bradley. Report unanimously adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

Periodicals	L. A. Henderson
Temperance	Rev. J. C. Gwaltney
Hospital	Mrs. W. A. Walters
Orphanage	Mrs. E. C. James
Ministers Relief	Charlie Byrd
Christian Education	L. F. Walker
W.M.U.	Mrs. G. W. Creed
Missions	Mrs. Harvey Church

REV. L. M. COOK AND
LLOYD PARDUE, Committee

REPORT ON RESOLUTIONS

As God has extended mercy and blessed the Elkin Baptist Association to meet in this session, be it resolved:

1. That we walk in paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

2. That we carry His work on here on earth in His will.

3. That this Association extend its thanks to the East Elkin Baptist Church for the hospitality shown.

JOHN Q. BURCHAM, Committee

Report unanimously adopted.

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS

ARVIL ALEXANDER	Elkin
J. S. BRYANT	N. Wilkesboro, Rt. 2
C. C. COCKERHAM	Roaring River
L. M. COOK	Elkin
GRANT COTHREN	Traphill
DAVID DAY	Elkin
RICHARD DAY	Elkin
E. M. ELDRIDGE	Elkin
A. B. HAYES	Hays
J. E. HAYES	N. Wilkesboro
GLENN HUFFMAN	Parsonville
JOHN H. LUFFMAN	Ronda
J. MARTIN LUFFMAN	Ronda
W. B. LUFFMAN	N. Wilkesboro
LEVI McCANN	Roaring River
GILBERT OSBORNE	N. Wilkesboro
LLOYD PARDUE	Elkin
J. L. POWERS	Elkin
GAR PRUITT	Elkin
B. F. ROLLINS	Elkin
FLOYD STANLEY	Elkin
CLIFFORD VESTAL	Cycle
JOHN WEATHERMAN	State Road
G. D. WHITE	Statesville
WOODROW WISHON	State Road
J. C. GWALTNEY	Elkin
HOWARD FORD	Elkin

CONSTITUTION

1. This Association shall be known as the Elkin Baptist Association, and shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches; each church being entitled to three delegates, and all regular ordained ministers as members ex officia.

2. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's Kingdom upon earth.

3. The delegates thus selected should bear from each respective church a letter certifying their appointments, and communicating information relative to the state of the church and interest thereof.

4. The Association just formed shall elect, by ballot, a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall continue in office for one year, and until others are chosen. The last two offices may be held by the same individual.

5. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside at meetings of business; to keep order during each session; to decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the house by any members and to perform all other duties pertaining to his office.

6. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a faithful and correct record of all the proceedings of each session of the Association and keep a minute of each session and to perform other duties assigned to him by the Association.

7. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to keep a correct record of all the funds coming into the hands and report the same at the order of the Association.

8. There shall be a Committee of Arrangements consisting of five members, besides the Moderator and Clerk.

9. All letters or grievances or queries, together with all letters from corresponding associations requiring any attention thereon, shall be submitted to the Committee on Arrangements and reported back to the Association.

10. This body shall have no coersive power to exercise lordship over God's heritage, but shall only be considered as advisory council in all matters respecting the internal regulation of the churches.

11. When an offense may have been committed by one church against another, or when a series of difficulties may have arisen in an individual church, it shall be the duty of the Association (after due labors have been had between the offending and offended churches, or an individual church, as the case may be) to take the matter into consideration and advise upon it.

12. The Association shall not maintain permanent fellowship towards any of her churches which neglect to institute and preserve Gospel order among her members, nor any of her churches or ministers that treat her constitution with contempt; but shall sustain with all her influence, such as promote Gospel principles and order.

13. It shall be the province of this Association to invite visiting and corresponding brethren to seats, who shall be entitled to speak on any point under discussion, but not to vote.

14. The Association shall in all cases, (except in matters pertaining to the constitution) be governed by a majority of the members present, and shall not adjourn until they have gone through the business of the Association, except in extraordinary cases.

15. Each church having an ordained or licensed minister shall report the same to the Association in order that they may appear as such in the face of the minutes.

16. The Association shall furnish the churches with the minutes of her proceedings; and it shall be the duty of the churches to enable her to do so.

17. The Association shall have a fund, created and sustained by voluntary contributions from the churches, which shall be held by the treasurer and subject to the disposition of a majority of the Association present at any annual session.

18. The Association shall hold an annual meeting at such time and place as the body may from time to time designate.

19. By appointment of the Association there may be an Introductory, Missionary and Denominational sermon preached each annual session.

20. This Constitution may be altered or amended at any time, two thirds of the members present concurring.

21. The benevolent institutions of the day shall be no bar or test of fellowship, but all shall be free to sustain or not sustain as they choose.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2. The letters from the churches shall be read and the names of the delegates enrolled.

3. A Moderator and Clerk chosen by a majority of the members present.

4. Only one member shall speak at a time who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator; and while speaking shall not be interrupted by any member, except the Moderator.

5. The members speaking shall strictly adhere to the subject, and use no words calculated to irritate.

6. No member shall abruptly break off or absent himself without leave of the Association.

7. No member shall speak more than three times upon one subject without leave of the Association.

8. No member shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of the Association, nor whispering in time of public speech.

9. No member of the Association shall address another in any other appellation than that of brother.

10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member or prohibit him from speaking till he gives his light on the subject, unless he breaks this decorum.

11. The names of the several members of the Association shall be called by the Clerk as often as the Association requires.

12. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privileges as any other member, provided his seat be filled; and he shall have no vote, unless the Association be equally divided.

13. Queries presented by churches shall be attended to by the Association.

14. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

15. Any member who shall willingly and knowingly break any of these rules, shall be reproved by the Association, as they shall think proper.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in only one true and living God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost and these three are one.

2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the words of God, and the only rules of Faith and Practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of Election by grace.

4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin, and in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature by his own free will or ability.

5. We believe that sinners are called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit and that all who are thus regenerated are born again by the Spirit of God, shall never fall finally away.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God by the imputed Righteousness of Jesus Christ.

7. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only subjects of those ordinances; and we believe that the only true mode of Baptism is by immersion.

8. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment, and that the joys of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

9. We believe that no minister has the right to administer the ordinances of the Gospel, except such are are regularly called, and come under the imposition of hands by the Presbytery.

TABLE I—Church Membership, Etc., of Elkin Association for Year Ending September 30, 1946

CHURCHES	Location OC-V T-C	Year Organized	PASTORS AND ADDRESSES	Dates of Meeting	GAINS			LOSS			TOTAL				SPECIAL INFORMATION			
					Baptisms	By Letter	Other Additions	By Letter	By Death	Other Losses	Present Resident Membership	Non-resident Membership	Grand Total Present Membership	Number of Revival	Spent on Building or Remodeling Last Year	Value of Pastor's Home	Total Value of All Church Property	Total Debt On Church Property
Bessie's Chapel	OC	1935	L. M. Cook, Elkin	3rd Sunday	3						46	10	56				$3,000.00	
Center	OC	1839	Clifford Vestal, Cycle	1st Sunday				4		1	43		43	2			1,000.00	
Cool Springs	OC	1805	Grant Cothren, Roaring Gap	2nd Sunday	2			3	3		243		243	1			3,250.00	
East Elkin	T	1921	J. L. Powers, Elkin	2 & 4	21	5		6	2		249		249	2			4,000.00	
Elkin Valley	V	1914	J. C. Gwaltney, Elkin	Full	12	16	1		1	13	448		448	2	3,578.15		4,000.00	
First Baptist	T	1889	Howard J. Ford, Elkin	Full	19	31	1	15	2	2	577		577	1	225.00	$6,500.00	81,500.00	$1,000.00
Little Elkin	OC	1905	W. B. Luffman, N. Wilkesboro	4th Sunday	4	4	1	5			200		200	1			2,000.00	
Macedonia	OC	1876	Loyd Pardue, Elkin	1 & 3				2			217		217	1			3,965.00	
Maple Springs	OC	1943	John Luffman, Ronda	2nd Sunday	15	9	1	1			47		47	2	273.00		3,000.00	610.52
Mt. Pleasant	V	1897	A. B. Hayes, Hays	1 & 3	9	5	1	7			182		182	2			5,000.00	
Pleasant Hill	V	1897	David W. Day, Rt. 1, Elkin	Full	43	11		11	1	1	483	80	563	2	1,026.36		40,000.00	
Pleasant Home	OC	1878	Grant Cothren, Roaring Gap	4th Sunday				1	2		218		218	1	1,300.00		2,300.00	
Poplar Springs	OC	1885	Woodrow Wishon, State Road	3rd Sunday	11	3	1	2	2	1	155	54	209	1			5,000.00	
Rock Creek	OC	1849	Glenn Luffman, N. Wilkesboro	2 & 3	6	1		8	2	2	200	157	357	2			1,000.00	
Shoaly Branch	OC	1884	J. E. Hayes, N. Wilkesboro	4th Sunday		1		1	2		79	33	112	1			1,100.00	
West Elkin	T	1940	J. L. Powers, Elkin	3rd Sunday	12	13		5	1		55	19	74	2	380.00		4,000.00	
White Plains	OC	1860	R. A. Call, N. Wilkesboro	3rd Sunday	6	2		4	2		160	20	180	2			1,500.00	
Oak Grove	OC	1946	Gilbert Osborne, N. Wilkesboro	3rd Sunday	8	6	2				32		32	2			500.00	
TOTALS					171	107	8	71	20	20	3,634	373	4,007	27	$6,782.51	$6,500.00	$166,115.00	$1,610.52

TABLE II—Sunday Schools of Elkin Baptist Association for Year Ending Sept. 30, 1946

CHURCHES	SUPERINTENDENTS AND ADDRESSES	Cradle Roll, 3 & Under	Beginners 4-5	Primaries 6-8	Juniors 9-12	Intermediates 13-16	Young People 17-24	Adults, 25 Years & Up	Gen. & Dept. Off.	Total Enrolment, Officers, Teachers & Pupils	Average Attendance	Vacation Bible Sch.?	What Was Enrolment?	Average Attendance?
Bessie's Chapel	B. T. Southard, Elkin, Rt. 1	.....	10	.....	8	8	18	18	.....	62	55	no	.....	.....
Center	Link Spicer, Benham	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	35	no	.....	.....
Cool Springs	R. C. Harris, Elkin	.....	.....	16	23	21	27	55	8	150	76	yes	56	50
East Elkin	L. H. Henderson, Elkin	.....	19	16	22	10	17	40	2	126	70	yes	52	48
Elkin Valley	G. M. Walters, Elkin	.....	40	35	40	60	75	105	14	369	238	yes	.....	.....
First Baptist	G. L. Hill, Elkin	25	33	36	44	57	40	185	3	423	218	yes	95	83
Little Elkin	Percy Felts, Ronda	.....	26	33	.....	35	.....	33	3	130	65	yes	30	25
Macedonia	Ralph Tharpe, Ronda	13	19	16	22	18	10	52	.....	150	75	yes	44	36
Maple Springs	Luther Holbrook, Ronda	.....	.....	25	10	.....	25	20	.....	80	60	no	.....	.....
Mt. Pleasant	W. A. Walters, State Road	8	18	11	26	35	33	86	3	220	83	yes	83	70
Pleasant Hill	Lewis H. Petree, Elkin	34	25	42	72	64	123	111	6	477	292	yes	194	155
Pleasant Home	J. L. Jordan, Roaring River	.....	12	16	13	20	38	21	4	124	65	yes	45	40
Poplar Springs	R. W. Gentry, State Road	12	44	.....	24	49	68	34	.....	231	131	no	.....	.....
Rock Creek	Dewey Combs, N. Wilkesboro	.....	18	.....	14	16	30	20	.....	98	70	no	.....	.....
Shoaly Branch	O. H. Gentry, Benham	4	3	4	10	10	8	15	.....	54	40	yes	38	35
West Elkin	Guy Stinson, Elkin	.....	16	9	.....	19	35	13	.....	92	52	yes	45	40
White Plains	Walter Bryant, Roaring River	.....	12	.....	15	25	.....	18	.....	70	70	no	.....	.....
Oak Grove	G. C. Tharpe, N. Wilkesboro, Rt. 2	5	8	7	20	10	10	30	.....	90	50	no	.....	.....
TOTALS		101	303	266	363	457	557	856	43	2946	1745		682	582

TABLE III—Baptist Training Union of Elkin Baptist Association for the Year Ending Sept. 30, 1946

CHURCHES	TRAINING DIRECTORS AND ADDRESSES	Adult Unions	Young People's Unions	Intermediate Unions	Junior Unions	Story Hours	Total Unions & Story H	Adults Enrolled	Young People Enrolled	Intermediates Enrolled	Juniors Enrolled	Story Hours Enrolled	Gen & Dept. Officers	Total Enrolment	Av. Attendance per Sun.	Youth Week Observed?	Christian Home Week?
Elkin Valley		1	1	1	1	1	5	12	10	28	23	9	....	82	60	yes	no
First Baptist	Miss Roxie Bowen, Elkin	1	1	....	1	1	4	14	10	....	14	12	4	54	35		
Macedonia	Mrs. Irvin Key, Ronda	1	1	1	1	1	5	27	11	14	29	16	....	97	48		
Mt. Pleasant	Mrs. W. A. Walters, State Road	1	1	....	1	1	4	10	14	....	6	7	1	38	28	yes	
Pleasant Hill	Evelyn Myers, Elkin	....	1	....	1	....	2	....	100	....	86	....	12	198	110	no	no
		4	5	2	5	4	20	63	145	42	158	44	17	469	281		

TABLE IV—W. M. U. Organizations and Gifts, of Elkin Baptist Association, for Year Ending Sept. 30, 1946

CHURCHES	PRESIDENTS OF W. M. S. AND ADDRESSES	No. of W. M. S.	No. of Y. W. A.'s	No. of G. A.'s	No. of R. A.'s	No. of Sunbeams	Total W. M. U. Org.	W. M. S. Members	Y. W. A's Members	G. A.'s Members	R. A.'s Members	Sunbeam Members	Total Members Enrolled	Enrolled in Mission Study	Contributions (Local Work) Given by W.M.U.	Contributions (Missions) Given by W. M. U.
East Elkin	Mrs. G. W. Creed, Elkin	1	....	1	....	1	3	15	....	25	....	22	62	.....	$62.35	$79.20
First Baptist	Mrs. F. M. Norman, Elkin	1	1	2	1	1	6	162	11	23	10	17	223	223	2,103.00	2,926.73
Mt. Pleasant	Mrs. W. C. Wolfe, State Road	1	....	....	....	....	1	10	....	....	....	....	10	.....	.....	75.30
Rock Creek	Nilta Sebastian, N. Wilkesboro	1	....	....	....	....	1	14	....	....	....	....	14	8	13.79	83.01
West Elkin	Mrs. Gene Hampton, Elkin	1	....	....	....	....	1	15	....	....	....	....	15	.....	.....	24.12
Totals		5	1	3	1	2	12	216	11	48	10	39	324	231	$2,179.14	$3,188.36

TABLE VI — Gifts For Local Church Work of Elkin Baptist Association for Year Ending September 30, 1946

CHURCHES	TREASURERS AND ADDRESSES	Pastor's Salary Paid for Year	Incidentals—Janitor, Fuel, Water, Repairs, Insurance, Etc.	Ass't. Pastor, Educational Director, Choir Leader, Etc.	Revival Expenses and Pastoral Supply	Paid on Church Debt Out of Current Funds	Literature—Quarterlies, Church Paper, Song Books, Etc.	Help For Local Poor	Minutes and Clerk of Association	Building Fund (Amount given last yr.)	Other Objects	Total Given For Local Church Work
Bessie's Chapel	Gaither Wall, Elkin	296.11	77.62		22.67							396.40
Center	Ovid Johnson, Thurmond	125.00	5.00		40.00		25.00		2.50			197.50
Cool Springs	R. C. Harris, Elkin	355.00	210.75		156.59		88.24		5.00	307.93	68.73	1,192.24
East Elkin	Margaret Cooke, Elkin	625.00	293.84	66.00	141.50		84.42		4.00		303.06	1,517.82
Elkin Valley	M. H. Royal, Elkin	2,921.00	509.88	150.00	123.64		251.45	306.00	10.00	3,578.15	1,066.82	8,916.94
First Baptist	L. F. Walker, Elkin	2,250.87	1,231.72	1,900.00	615.95	795.15	254.74		10.00	9,572.45	527.81	17,158.69
Little Elkin	Colon E. Walls, Ronda	353.26	69.57	89.00	76.25		46.64	15.00	5.00		99.00	753.72
Macedonia	T. L. Byrd, Ronda	525.96	145.84		88.47		91.00		4.00	655.58	93.88	1,604.73
Maple Springs	Mrs. N. H. Caudle, Ronda	168.16	24.00		28.00	273.00	44.00		2.00	335.08	75.00	949.24
Mt. Pleasant	J. Ralph Gentry, State Road	768.75	80.24	388.00	363.80		244.13		10.00	247.15		2,102.07
Pleasant Hill	E. F. Yarboro, Elkin	2,670.61	2,749.77	2,120.00	825.74		251.05	731.19	10.00		2,030.00	11,388.36
Pleasant Home	W. G. Burcham, Roaring River	236.43	26.00	34.25	54.32		10.00		5.00	1,300.00	27.42	1,693.42
Poplar Springs	Ike Nance, State Road	552.05	637.37		95.40		50.71		7.00		123.27	1,465.80
Rock Creek	J. W. Brewer, N. Wilkesboro, R. 2	279.27	79.38		86.05		39.48	12.04	5.00	528.17		1,029.39
Shoaly Branch	W. F. Gilliam, State Road	180.00	60.00		31.00		12.00	15.00	2.50		5.00	305.50
West Elkin	Ralph Sprinkle, Ronda	240.00	500.00		195.00		24.58		3.00		50.00	1,012.58
White Plains	Paul Byrd, Roaring River	250.00	20.00		111.00		50.00		5.00		65.73	501.73
Oak Grove	G. C. Tharpe, N. Wilkesboro, R. 2	126.40	12.00	101.00	68.85		24.87		3.00			336.12
Totals		12,923.87	6,732.98	4,848.25	3,124.23	1,068.15	1,592.31	1,079.23	93.00	16,524.51	4,535.72	52,522.25

TABLE VII—Gifts For Missions, Education and All Benevolences, Elkin Baptist Association, Year Ending Sept., 1946

CHURCHES	CLERKS OF CHURCHES AND ADDRESSES	Gifts To Co-Operative Program Or Unified Budget	Designated To Asso. Missions	Designated To State Missions	Designated To Home Missions	Designated To Foreign Missions	Designated To Sch., Col. & Seminaries	Orphanages, Cash, Clothing, Etc.	Designated To Hospitals	Red Cross And Foreign Relief	Relief And Annuity, Other Objects	Total For All Missions	Grand Total of All Contributions For All Purposes
Bessie's Chapel	A. C. Wall, Elkin, R. 1							39.43	15.15			54.58	450.98
Center	Ovid Johnson, Thurmond								11.75			11.75	209.25
Cool Springs	Eugene Pettyjohn, Elkin					13.00		30.00	25.60			67.60	1,259.84
East Elkin	L. H. Henderson, Elkin	147.20		96.63				60.00	75.28	52.60		431.71	1,949.53
Elkin Valley	Hugh Couch, Elkin			245.53		158.66		275.00	165.25	100.15	22.47	967.06	9,884.00
First Baptist	Hazel Byrd, Elkin	3,844.34	21.75	35.34	85.64	110.49	100.00	529.26	111.29	682.94	234.00	5,755.05	22,913.74
Little Elkin	Colon E. Walls, Elkin							41.95	24.05			66.00	819.72
Macedonia	E. F. Edwards, Ronda			25.00				194.55	53.45			273.00	1,877.73
Maple Springs	Mrs. N. H. Caudle, Ronda												949.24
Mt. Pleasant	Mrs. M. L. Donovan, State Road	23.50		54.00		95.00		50.00	60.00	14.55	119.00	416.05	2,518.12
Pleasant Hill	Dallas Carter, Elkin	93.35		32.88				464.28	364.06		75.00	1,029.57	12,417.93
Pleasant Home	J. F. Darnell, Roaring River							15.25	20.00			35.25	1,728.67
Poplar Springs	J. W. Gentry, State Road		25.06					128.83	27.68			181.57	1,647.37
Rock Creek	J. W. Brewer, N. Wilkesboro	15.00	11.00			36.21		25.55	24.00		13.79	125.55	1,154.94
Shoaly Branch	W. F. Gilliam, State Road				178.00			15.00	5.00			198.00	503.50
West Elkin	Glenn Stinson, Elkin	24.12							26.50			50.62	1,063.20
White Plains	Paul Byrd, Roaring River							30.73	35.00			65.73	567.46
Oak Grove	G. C. Tharpe, N. Wilkesboro, R. 2	5.00						5.00	5.00			15.00	351.12
Totals		4,152.51	57.81	489.38	263.64	413.36	100.00	1,904.83	1,048.06	850.24	464.26	9,744.09	62,266.34

OUR DEPARTED ONES

COOL SPRINGS
Mr. Edgar Tucker
Mr. W. M. Tucker
Mr. J. F. Holcomb

EAST ELKIN
Mr. G. W. Creed, Deacon and Church Treasurer
Mr. John Swaim

ELKIN VALLEY
Mr. Odell Collins

FIRST BAPTIST—ELKIN
Mr. Herman Sale—In Service
Mr. W. W. Byrd

PLEASANT HILL
Mr. William Alexander

PLEASANT HOME
Mrs. Mary C. Byrd
Mrs. Mollie F. Byrd

POPLAR SPRINGS
Mr. U. J. Marshall
Mrs. Elsie Tuell

ROCK CREEK
Mrs. Betty Wood
Mr. Frank Higgins

SHOALEY BRANCH
Mr. J. C. Gentry
Mr. B. L. Adams

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Mrs. Albert Byrd

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OF THE

Elkin Baptist Association

HELD WITH

POPLAR SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH

STATE ROAD, NORTH CAROLINA

OCTOBER 3, 1947

E. C. JAMES, Moderator ..... Elkin, N. C.

W. H. COMBS, Clerk ..... Elkin, N. C.

The next session will be held with Cool Springs Baptist Church, Elkin, N. C., on Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1948, beginning at 10 A. M.

PROCEEDINGS

STATE ROAD, N. C.

FRIDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 3, 1947

(1) On October 3, 1947 at 10 o'clock A. M. The Elkin Baptist Association convened in the sixty-ninth annual session with Poplar Springs Baptist Church, State Road, N. C.

(2) Earl C. James, Moderator, recognized R. W. Gentry, Choir Leader of Poplar Springs Church, who led the audience in the singing of "Take it to the Lord in Prayer." Thereafter Rev. Woodrow Wishon led the devotion, reading Matthew 6:1-10 and Rev. E. M. Eldridge led in prayer.

(3) Prior to the convening of the Association the Moderator recognized as visitors the following:

Prof. M. H. Kendall, representing Mars Hill College.

Rev. R. M. Haus, representing the Allied Church League.

Rev. Claud Galley, Executive Secretary for Christian Education—Baptist State Convention.

Rev. R. E. Adams, Winston-Salem, N. C.

(4) Church Letters were then called for and the following were presented, read and messengers seated:

Bessie's Chapel — A. Crozier Wall, B. T. Southard, Mrs. Bertha Cockerham, Marvin Brown.

Center — Link Spicer, C. L. Johnson.

Cool Springs — Eugene Pettyjohn, A. C. Walls.

East Elkin — L. H. Henderson, Mrs. E. M. Eldridge.

Elkin First — G. L. Hill, E. J. Freeman, L. F. Walker.

Elkin Valley — Mrs. Emily Holloway, Mrs. G. E. Martin, Mrs. J. C. Gwaltney.

Little Elkin — T. C. Gambill, Council Laster, Mrs. Grace Gambill.

Macedonia — T. L. Byrd, E. F. Edwards, Miss Marjorie Key, Mrs. Grady Dimmette.

Maple Springs — Luther Holbrook, Glenn Burchett, Robert Holcomb.

Mineral Springs — Herman Alexander, Rufus Wilmoth, Aubrey Martin, Jack Teague.

Mount Pleasant — Walter F. Carter, James Irvin, Bill Walters, Mrs. Emma Walters.

Oak Grove — G. C. Tharpe.

Pleasant Hill — Joe Cockerham, Arthur Collins, Claude Burchette.

Pleasant Home — J. F. Darnell, John Q. Burcham.

Poplar Springs — Ike Nance, Clarence Newman, S. B. Mooney, Willie Eldridge.

Rock Creek — Mrs. Dona Wood, Mrs. Mollie Brewer, Eugene Sebastian.

Shoaley Branch — W. F. Gilliam, W. W. Darnell, Mrs. W. W. Darnell, Gurney Holcomb.

West Elkin — Mrs. C. W. Young, Mrs. G. E. Stinson, Mrs. Cecil Hooper, Mrs. Kerley Hall.

White Plains — Paul Byrd, Mrs. Lola Mae Swaim.

At this time Mineral Springs Baptist Church of Jonesville, N. C., asked to be admitted as a new member church of the association. Whereupon, the Moderator appointed Rev. Howard Ford and G. L. Hill as an examining committee. Upon their favorable report the new church was given a hearty welcome by the unanimous vote of all the delegates. Thereupon their messengers, Herman Alexander, Rufus

Wilmoth, Aubrey Martin and Jake Teague were seated with equal rights and privileges of all delegates.

The following committees were then appointed by the Moderator:

Time and Place: Eugene Pettyjohn, L. M. Cook.

Committee on Committees: Cleat Simmons, M. L. Pettyjohn, E. F. Edwards.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the following officers were elected to serve for the ensuing year:

E. C. James, Elkin, N. C. ..... Moderator
E. M. Eldridge, Elkin, N. C. ..... Assistant Moderator
W. H. Combs, Elkin, N. C. ..... Clerk
Mrs. Harvey Church, Ronda, N. C. ..... Assistant Clerk

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The responsibility for Christian Education does not rest upon any one institution. Christian education must begin in the home. When Christ becomes the head of the house, it is then that a program of Christian education begins for the youth of the home. The spirit of Jesus is demonstrated to the children. The principles of Jesus are taught the children. The Scriptures are read in their hearing, Bible stories are supplied and read to the children. Prayer is offered in their behalf. Character, principles and attitudes are molded in the Christian homes, that stay with a child throughout life. Parents must always guard against shifting the responsibility of the home upon some other institution.

The church must accept much of the responsibility for a thorough Christian educational program. Jesus said "Ye must be born again." Knowledge of Christ as personal Saviour is necessary in Christian education. The minister and teacher is to lead the new convert in "growth in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

The Christian college supplements the work of the home and Church. In North Carolina Baptists own and control the following Christian colleges: Wake Forest, Meredith, Mars Hill, Campbell, Gardener-Webb and Wingate. In all of these colleges, there is a strong Christian atmosphere. Teachers and students alike, believe the words of the Great Teacher "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." All of these colleges stand for the physical, mental and spiritual development of our boys and girls. These colleges ask the youth of our land the same question Jesus asked the cripple at the pool of Bethesda "Will thou be made whole?"

There are three ways this association can aid our Colleges. First, we can pray for them. Second, encourage our boys and girls to attend them. Third, we can support them financially in their programs of enlargement.

Respectfully submitted,
L. F. WALKER.

Remarks by Rev. Howard Ford, Prof. M. H. Kendall, of Mars Hill College, and Rev. Claude Galley, Executive Secretary of Christian Education for N. C. Baptist State Convention.

Report unanimously adopted.

Sermon by Rev. Clarence Gwaltney, Pastor Elkin Valley Baptist Church.

Text: Exodus 14:15.

Subject: Going Forward.

At the close of the sermon the congregation sang, "Standing On The Promise."

Benediction by Rev. R. E. Adams.

Adjourned for lunch.

1:00 P. M.

Song by congregation, "Leaning on The Everlasting Arms."

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

And as he reasoned of righteousness, temperance, and judgment to come, Felix trembled, and answered; Go thy way for this time: when I have a convenient season, I will call for thee." Acts 24:25.

1st. — We urge an uncompromising condemnation of the liquor advertising in newspapers, periodicals, and radio, which is now invading our homes with its clever but untrue claims as to the desirability of the use of strong drink.

2nd. — We also urge our pastors and Sunday School workers realize the importance of providing for our young people a program of temperance education showing the effects of alcohol upon body, mind and soul; that in the pulpit and in study classes effort be made to fortify our people against the drinking customs of our day.

3rd. — We further recommend that our churches cooperate with and support the Allied Church League, which is rendering worthy service in the fight against alcoholism and the liquor traffic. We have been informed the liquor traffic is preparing to launch a campaign to establish ABC stores in this county next spring. We are calling upon our church people to arise and stand against the evils of the day.

Respectfully submitted,
REV. J. C. GWALTNEY

Remarks by R. M. Haus.
Report unanimously adopted.

REPORT ON HOSPITAL

If I could have chosen a subject to report on, I think I would have chosen "Our Hospital." It is a great privilege to tell you something about the work of our hospital. I'm sure that many of you, like myself, have been a patient there and know something about the kindness and efficiency you find there.

A mother from one of our Baptist churches was hurried to our Baptist Hospital. Local doctors had done their best and said she could not live unless she got other help right away. She had been sick for a year and had just spent six weeks in another hospital. She had been able to have her five months old baby with her only two weeks since he was born. Her stay in our Hospital was long and expensive, costing over $1,200.00 though she was a service patient and there was no charge for all the work of the doctors. But there she was cared for by highly skilled physicians using the latest drugs and the best known methods of medical care.

Her family is almost without means and able to meet only a portion of this large bill. The churches of this association, through our Mother's Day offerings, helped to provide for her hospital care. Because we gave on Mother's Day she was given a chance and recently went back home and to care for her baby.

What we did for this mother, we are doing in a larger or smaller measure for thousands of others throughout North Carolina who are sick and have little money. The past twelve months have been the

most crowded year our Baptist Hospital has ever known. Its ministry has gone to more people than ever before.

North Carolina Baptists have voted to enlarge our Hospital. Interested friends have said we are ready to help Baptists do this. Now we are looking forward to a much larger and more modern plant on the beautiful hundred-acre Gray estate in Winston-Salem where this ministry of healing in the name of Christ can be multiplied.

Have you ever seen a person whose body was wracked with pain or a child whose fever was high and said, "Oh, how I wish I could do something for them?" You can do just that when you give to your hospital. If we are the Christians we should be we will remember the words of Jesus as he said, "I came not to be ministered unto, but to minister." Let us so live that someday we may hear these words from the Great Physician, "I was sick and ye ministered unto me."

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. W. A. WALTERS

Remarks by Rev. Young, Chaplain Winston-Salem Baptist Hospital and A. Crozier Wall.

Report unanimously adopted.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE

How many children do you have in your home? A North Carolina Baptist will answer this question—700. With the cost of living soaring to alarming proportions do you appreciate what it means to our family of 700?

Our orphanage personnel, who have the active charge and control of this great family are doing a tremendously fine job. They raise thousands of bushels of barley, oats, and corn. They produced many thousands of pounds of hog meat this year, as well as eggs by the thousands of dozens and milk in thousands of gallons. But there are many, many things which must be bought on the open market and the impact of the high cost of living strikes here.

The Baptists of North Carolina have always taken care of their children—By the grace of God they always will. It is only necessary to present the needs and our people will supply those needs.

The rising divorce rate with a consequent breaking up of homes means that more and more children are seeking a haven in our orphanage. This in turn means that the demands on North Carolina Baptists for help will increase proportionately. Baptists of the Elkin Association will do their part in providing for the increased needs of their children.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. EARL C. JAMES

Remarks by Rev. Walton.

Report unanimously adopted.

REPORT ON MINISTERS' RELIEF

No greater honor can come to any man in this life than that he should be called of God and set apart as a chosen vessel to carry the gospel of Jesus Christ to the world.

Paul said in first Timothy, "Let the elders that rule be counted worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in the word and doctrine."

I consider the minister's relief worthy of our careful consideration.

When we realize how obediently our ministers answer the call of the Master to go out into the world and preach the gospel and con-

sidering how little they are paid and sometimes without any assurance of anything at all. Considering too the certainty of old age, every member of the entire Elkin Association should be interested in aged minister's relief. Most of them have obeyed the great command in their youth and have given their best days for this great worthy cause.

May we give a few dollars in the name of charity. May we count it a privilege each time we have an opportunity in our church to give to this worthy cause. In this way we can show our appreciation to those old soldiers of the cross for a job well done.

Respectfully submitted,
CHARLIE R. BYRD, Com.

Report unanimously adopted.

REPORT ON TIME PLACE AND PREACHER

TIME: Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1948.

PLACE: Cool Springs Baptist Church, Elkin, N. C.

PREACHER: Rev. L. M. Cook.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS

This being a reading age people are interested in the news and conditions of the world. They don't seem to realize that there is another world and life that means more than this one. What we read furnishes food for our thoughts. We as Baptists need to encourage our people to read good wholesome literature that will not poison their minds, especially our young people upon whom the future depends. There is always interesting news and words of good cheer to be found in the Divine Book.

The Biblical Recorder and Charity and Children should be read in every home. They will help make our homes better homes and our churches better churches. We are told in the Bible to study to show ourself approved. If we are true Christians we will not neglect to read the more important literature that is written by inspired authors.

Respectfully submitted,
L. H. HENDERSON

Remarks by M. A. Huggins.

Report unanimously adopted.

REPORT ON AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY

The Bible is the book of divine revelation. Holy men wrote as they were moved by the Holy Spirit. And holy men wrote as given to them by Christ. We treasure this great Book, as the book of all books. May it be found in the home, in the school, in offices, in hotel and in the automobile. Jesus said "the words I speak unto you, they are spirit and they are life." May Christ be recognized through the medium of His word.

Respectfully submitted,
REV. L. M. COOK

Remarks by Rev. Howard Ford.

Report unanimously adopted.

REPORT ON WAKE FOREST COLLEGE

As this had not been on the program in former years no written report was submitted but the Enlargement Campaign by this college and their removal to Winston-Salem was discussed in detail. The moderator appointed Rev. Howard Ford as chairman of a committee

to study the needs of such a campaign and the part this Association should assume of the contribution toward this cause. It was tentatively suggested that $3,000.00 would be our equitable part to be paid over a period of three years.

REPORT ON WOMEN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Woman's Missionary Union is an auxiliary to our Southern Baptist Convention. Southern Baptist women through the inspiration of God seeing the need and catching a vision of what Southern Baptist women could do, first started the movement of what we know as the W. M. U. Its financial aid to every Southern Baptist causes reaches into millions of dollars and its influence through prayer only God knows.

In missionary activity through the Church it touches the lives of every member from Cradle Roll to the oldest. Its aim is to begin at its own church and community and its end is the uttermost ends of the earth. Our Elkin association of 19 churches has only six churches having any kind of W.M.U. organization. Our prayer is that every woman, pastor, and deacon may hear the call and catch the vision of our Savior in Matthew 28:18, 19, 20 and that we may have a Woman's Missionary Society in every Church in our association by the end of 1948.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. G. W. CREED

Report unanimously adopted.

REPORT ON MISSIONS

The spirit of missions was born in Heaven.

God saw this world filled with darkness and sin and because of His love for man sent His only begotten Son into the world to die on the cross that the world through Him might be saved. So Jesus was the first missionary.

After His work on earth was done and He was ready to go back to His Father in Heaven, His last words to His disciples were, "Ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem and in Judea and in Samaria and unto the uttermost parts of the earth."

Those words are as much for us today as they were at the time they were spoken. How well are we obeying?

The harvest is ready but workers are few. Conditions in foreign countries are more favorable for missionary work than they have been for many months.

Missionaries who have been home on account of war conditions are returning to their former fields of work and new missionaries are being sent out. The situation is now more encouraging. Let us here in the home land take new courage and zeal for our task and be more mission minded.

At the Baptist World Alliance Congress which met in Copenhagen, Denmark, this year the theme for the Congress was, "Every Baptist a Missionary."

Baptists from the uttermost parts of the earth were in attendance at that Congress. What that meeting together may mean to the world, only eternity will reveal.

May I say to our Baptists of Elkin Association, let our slogan be "Every Baptist a Missionary."

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. HARVEY CHURCH

Remarks by M. A. Huggins and E. C. James.
Report unanimously adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

Periodicals	REV. ELMER ELDRIDGE
Temperance	REV. HOWARD FORD
Hospital	MRS. GRADY DIMMETTE
Orphanage	MRS. MABEL SIMMONS
Minister's Relief	MRS. DALLAS GILLIAM
Christian Education	REV. J. D. WYATT
Women's Missionary Union	MRS. W. A. WALTERS
Missions	MRS. E. C. JAMES

Respectfully submitted,
CLEAT SIMMONS, M. L. PETTY-JOHN, E. F. EDWARDS, Committee

Report unanimously adopted.

REPORT ON RESOLUTIONS

We, our committee on Resolutions, ask that a special vote of thanks be tendered to the good people of Poplar Springs and vicinity for their courteous entertainment of our Association and for the bounteous repast.

A. C. WALLS, L. H. HENDERSON,
DAVE WOODRUFF, Committee

Report unanimously adopted.
Song — "God Be With You 'Till We Meet Again."
Benediction by Rev. Woodrow Wishon.
Adjournment.

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS

ARVIL ALEXANDER	Elkin
J. S. BRYANT	N. Wilkesboro, R. 2
C. C. COCKERHAM	Roaring River
L. M. COOK	Elkin
GRANT COTHREN	Traphill
DAVID W. DAY	Elkin
RICHARD DAY	Elkin
E. M. ELDRIDGE	Elkin
HOWARD J. FORD	Elkin
CLARENCE GWALTNEY	Elkin
A. B. HAYES	Hays
J. E. HAYES	N. Wilkesboro
GLENN HUFFMAN	Parsonville
JOHN H. LUFFMAN	Ronda
J. MARTIN LUFFMAN	Ronda
W. B. LUFFMAN	N. Wilkesboro
LEVI McCANN	Roaring River
GILBERT OSBORNE	N. Wilkesboro
LLOYD PARDUE	Elkin
J. L. POWERS	Elkin
GAR PRUITT	Elkin
B. F. ROLLINS	Elkin
FLOYD STANLEY	Elkin
CLIFFORD VESTAL	Cycle
JOHN WEATHERMAN	State Road
WOODROW WISHON	State Road
J. D. WYATT	State Road

CONSTITUTION

1. This Association shall be known as the Elkin Baptist Association, and shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches; each church being entitled to three delegates, and all regular ordained minister as members ex officia.

2. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's Kingdom upon earth.

3. The delegates thus selected should bear from each respective church a letter certifying their appointments, and communicating information relative to the state of the church and interest thereof.

4. The Association just formed shall elect, by ballot, a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall continue in office for one year, and until others are chosen. The last two offices may be held by the same individual.

5. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside at meetings of business; to keep order during each session; to decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the house by any members and to perform all other duties pertaining to his office.

6. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a faithful and correct record of all the proceedings of each session of the Association and keep a minute of each session and to perform other duties assigned to him by the Association.

7. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to keep a correct record of all the funds coming into the hands and report the same at the order of the Association.

8. There shall be a Committee of Arrangements consisting of five members, besides the Moderator and Clerk.

9. All letters or grievances or queries, together with all letters from corresponding associations requiring any attention thereon, shall be submitted to the Committee on Arrangements and reported back to the Association.

10. This body shall have no coersive power to exercise lordship over God's heritage, but shall only be considered as advisory council in all matters respecting the internal regulation of the churches.

11. When an offense may have been committed by one church against another, or when a series of difficulties may have arisen in an individual church, it shall be the duty of the Association (after due labors have been had between the offending and offended churches, or an individual church, as the case may be) to take the matter into consideration and advise upon it.

12. The Association shall not maintain permanent fellowship towards any of her churches which neglect to institute and preserve Gospel order among her members, nor any of her churches or ministers that treat her constitution with contempt; but shall sustain with all her influence, such as promote Gospel principles and order.

13. It shall be the province of this Association to invite visiting and corresponding brethren to seats, who shall be entitled to speak on any point under discussion, but not to vote.

14. The Association shall in all cases, except in matters pertaining to the constitution) be governed by a majority of the members present, and shall not adjourn until they have gone through the business of the Association, except in extraordinary cases.

15. Each church having an ordained or licensed minister shall report the same to the Association in order that they may appear as such in the face of the minutes.

16. The Association shall furnish the churches with the minutes of her proceedings; and it shall be the duty of the churches to enable her to do so.

17. The Association shall have a fund, created and sustained by voluntary contributions from the churches, which shall be held by the treasurer and subject to the disposition of a majority of the Association present at any annual session.

18. The Association shall hold an annual meeting at such time and place as the body may from time to time designate.

19. By appointment of the Association there may be an Introductory, Missionary and Denominational sermon preached each annual session.

20. This Constitution may be altered or amended at any time, two thirds of the members present concurring.

21. The benevolent institutions of the day shall be no bar or test of fellowship, but all shall be free to sustain or not sustain as they choose.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2. The letters from the churches shall be read and the names of the delegates enrolled.

3. A Moderator and Clerk chosen by a majority of the members present.

4. Only one member shall speak at a time who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator; and while speaking shall not be interrupted by any member, except the Moderator.

5. The members speaking shall strictly adhere to the subject, and use no words calculated to irritate.

6. No member shall abruptly break off or absent himself without leave of the Association.

7. No member shall speak more than three times upon one subject without leave of the Association.

8. No member shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of the Association, nor whispering in time of public speech.

9. No member of the Association shall address another in any other appellation than that of brother.

10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member or prohibit him from speaking till he gives his light on the subject, unless he breaks this decorum.

11. The names of the several members of the Association shall be called by the Clerk as often as the Association requires.

12. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privileges as any other member, provided his seat be filled; and he shall have no vote, unless the Association be equally divided.

13. Queries presented by churches shall be attended to by the Association.

14. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

15. Any member who shall willingly and knowingly break any of these rules, shall be reproved by the Association, as they shall think proper.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in only one true and living God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost and these three are one.

2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the words of God, and the only rules of Faith and Practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of Election by grace.

4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin, and in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature by his own free will or ability.

5. We believe that sinners are called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit and that all who are thus regenerated are born again by the Spirit of God, shall never fall finally away.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God by the imputed Righteousness of Jesus Christ.

7. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only subjects of those ordinances; and we believe that the only true mode of Baptism is by immersion.

8. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment, and that the joys of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

9. We believe that no minister has the right to administer the ordinances of the Gospel, except such as are regularly called, and come under the imposition of hands by the Presbytery.

TABLE 1: CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

CHURCHES	Location OC-V-T-C	Year Organized	PASTORS AND ADDRESSES	Dates of Meeting	Gains			Losses			TOTAL			Prayer Meetings Held?	Number of Revivals	Spent on Building or Remodeling Last Year	Value of Pastor's Home	Total Value of All Church Property
					Baptisms	By Letter	Other Additions	By Letter	By Death	Other Losses	Present Resident Membership	Non-res. Membership	Grand Total Present Membership					
Bessie's Chapel	OC	1935	L. M. Cook, Elkin	3rd Sunday	1			4			50	3	53	yes	2			3,500.00
Center	OC	1839	Grover Tilley, Elkin	3rd Sunday	6						49		49	no	2	47.00		1,200.00
Cool Springs	OC	1805	David W. Day, Elkin	2nd Sunday	12	3	1	2	2	2	253		253	yes	2	1,800.00		5,000.00
East Elkin	T	1921	J. L. Powers, Elkin	Full	6	8	2	5	4		65	183	248	yes	2			4,000.00
Elkin First	T	1889	Howard J. Ford, Elkin	Full	14	29	2	22	3	1	594		594	yes	2	1,424.62	6,500.00	81,500.00
Elkin Valley	V	1914	J. C. Gwaltney, Elkin	Full	17	8		11	2		462		462	yes.	2		12,500.00	15,000.00
Little Elkin	OC	1905	Roy Franklin, Hayes	4th Sunday	4	6	1	4			116	91	207	no	1			2,000.00
Macedonia	OC	1876	Lloyd Pardue, Elkin	1 and 3	9	3		3	2		169	55	224	yes	1			3,965.00
Maple Springs	OC	1943	John Luffman, Ronda	2nd Sunday		2		4			45		45	yes	2	153.97		3,000.00
Mineral Springs	V	1940	Clifford Vestal, Jonesville	Full	12	8			1		90		90	yes	2	3,000.00		8,000.00
Mt. Pleasant	V	1897	J. D. Wyatt, State Road	Full	8	7		11			100	95	195	yes	2	150.00		5,000.00
Oak Grove	OC	1946	Gilbert Osborne, N. Wilkesboro	1 and 3	1						33		33	no	1	643.53		2,500.00
Pleasant Hill	V	1897	David W. Day, Elkin	Full	25	11	6	7	5	1	542	50	592	yes	3	111.00		60,000.00
Pleasant Home	OC	1878	Marvin Burcham, Ronda	4th Sunday	8			6	2		218		218	no	1			2,300.00
Poplar Springs	OC	1885	C. W. Simmons, Jonesville	1 and 3	4	4		5	1		157	54	211	yes	1			5,000.00
Rock Creek	OC	1849	Glenn Huffman, N. Wilkesboro	2nd Sunday	13	2		3	3		210	159	369	yes	1	665.00		4,525.00
Shoaly Branch	OC	1884	J. E. Hayes, N. Wilkesboro	3rd Sunday		6					85	33	118	no	1			1,100.00
West Elkin	T	1940	Grover Tilley, Elkin	2 and 4		7		2			60	19	79	no				4,000.00
White Plains	OC	1860	R. A. Call, N. Wilkesboro	1 and 3	6			4	1		150	40	190	no	1	50.00		1,500.00
TOTALS					146	104	12	93	26	4	3,448	782	4,230		29	8,045.12	19,000.00	213,090.00

TABLE II. THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

CHURCHES	SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS AND ADDRESSES	Cradle Roll—3 & Under	Nursery—3 & Under	Beginners 4-5	Primaries 6-8	Juniors 9-12	Intermediates 13-16	Young People 17-24	Adults 25 and Up	Extension Dept.	Gen. & Dept. Officers	Total Enrolment, Officers, Teachers & Pupils	Average Attendance	Enrolment Vac. B. S.	Average Attendance
Bessie's Chapel	B. T. Southard, Elkin			10		8	8	18	18			62	60		
Center	Link Spicer, Benham			18		22			25			65	50		
Cool Springs	R. C. Harris, Elkin				24	24	15	31	60		9	163	92	59	47
East Elkin	L. H. Henderson, Elkin			12	19	23	38	19	46		2	159	77	48	43
Elkin First	G. L. Hill, Elkin		17	35	44	36	54	44	199	42	3	474	229	86	82
Elkin Valley	G. M. Walters, Elkin			23	28	50	72	84	113		4	374	215	125	111
Little Elkin	Percy Felts, Ronda			30		35		35	33		3	136	73		
Macedonia	Ralph Tharpe, Ronda		4	26	11	25	11	9	66		3	155	75	45	33
Maple Springs	Luther Holbrook, Ronda				20	20		14	16			70	46		
Mineral Springs	D. G. Reece, Jonesville			20		30		40	25			115	92		
Mt. Pleasant	Wm. A. Walters, State Road		3	26	18	23	33	18	83		3	207	87	90	75
Oak Grove	G. C. Thorpe, N. Wilkesboro		5	10	10	25	10	10	15		2	87	50		
Pleasant Hill	L. H. Petree, Ronda	45	37	44	63	68	54	107	144		4	566	310	232	197
Pleasant Home	J. L. Jordan, Roaring River			9		10	10	15	21		4	69	65	45	39
Poplar Springs	R. W. Gentry, State Road			30	25	30	20	33	59			197	112		
Rock Creek	Clarence Sebastian, N. Wilkesboro			10		12	16	18	44			170	70	47	40
Shoaly Branch	James White, State Road			8		14	12		12		4	50	30		
West Elkin	Harvey Wooten, Elkin					10	12	22	20			64	45	40	35
White Plains	Walter Bryant, Roaring River			6	12	15	10	16	21			80	60		
TOTALS		45	66	317	274	480	375	533	1020	42	41	3193	1838	817	702

TABLE III: TRAINING UNION

CHURCHES	TRAINING UNION DIRECTORS AND ADDRESSES	Adult Unions	Young People's Unions	Intermediate Unions	Junior Unions	Story Hours	Total Unions & Story H.	Adults Enrolled	Young People Enrolled	Intermediates Enrolled	Juniors Enrolled	Story Hours Enrolled	Gen. & Dept. Officers	Total Enrollment	Av. Attendance per Sun.	Youth Week Observed?	Christian Home Week?
Cool Springs	R. C. Harris, Elkin	1	1	....	1	....	3	37	45	....	50	....	....	132	70	no	no
East Elkin	Burrus Gray, Elkin	1	1	1	1	....	4	21	12	15	22	....	....	70	33	no	no
Elkin First	Cortez Lowery, Elkin	1	1	1	1	1	5	18	12	14	15	9	4	72	45	yes	no
Elkin Valley	Roy Johnson, Elkin	1	1	1	1	....	4	12	11	25	18	....	....	66	39	no	no
Macedonia	Mrs. Irvin Key, Ronda	1	1	1	1	1	5	26	6	9	20	16	3	80	37	no	no
Mt. Pleasant	Mrs. W. A. Walters, State Road	1	1	....	1	1	4	12	9	....	7	12	2	42	25	yes	no
Pleasant Hill	Miss Evelyn Myers, Elkin	1	1	....	1	....	3	39	42	....	78	....	2	161	95	no	no
Rock Creek	Mrs. R. C. Wood, N. Wilkesboro	1	....	....	....	....	1	35	....	....	....	....	....	35	30	no	no
TOTALS		8	7	4	7	3	29	200	137	63	210	37	11	658	374		

TABLE IV: WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

CHURCHES	PRESIDENTS OF W. M. S. AND ADDRESSES	No. of W. M. S.	No. of Y. W. A.'s	No. of G. A.'s	No. of R. A.'s	No. of Sunbeams	Total W.M.U. Org's.	W. M. S. Members	Y. W. A. Members	G. A. Members	R. A. Members	Sunbeam Members	Total Members Enrolled	Enrolled In Mission Study	Contributions (Local Work) Given By W.M.U.	Contributions (Missions) Given By W.M.U.
East Elkin	Mrs. G. W. Creed, Elkin	1	....	1	....	1	3	15	....	14	....	20	49	.....	35.75	39.00
Elkin First	Mrs. F. M. Norman, Elkin	7	1	2	1	1	12	161	17	20	14	38	250	105	.....	2,681.50
Elkin Valley	Mrs. Emily Holloway, Elkin	1	1	2	....	....	4	30	15	....	....	....	45	31	.....	182.82
Mt. Pleasant	Mrs. Carl Murray, State Road	1	....	....	....	....	1	12	....	....	....	....	12	10	.....	80.00
Rock Creek	Mrs. Udy Wood, N. Wilkesboro	1	....	....	....	....	1	12	....	....	....	....	12	8	165.96	61.32
West Elkin	Mrs. Guy Stinson, Elkin	1	....	....	....	....	1	15	....	....	....	....	15	.....	3.83	25.42
TOTALS		12	2	5	1	2	22	245	32	34	14	58	383	154	205.54	3,070.06

TABLE V. GIFTS FOR LOCAL WORK OF CHURCH

CHURCHES	TREASURERS AND ADDRESSES	Pastor's Salary Paid for Year	Incidentals—Janitor, Fuel, Water, Repairs, Insurance, Etc.	Ass't. Pastor, Educational Director, Choir Leader, Etc.	Revival Expenses and Pastorial Supply	Paid on Church Debt Out of Current Funds	Literature—Quarterlies, Church Paper, Song Books, Etc.	Help for Local Poor	Minutes and Clerk of Association	Building Fund (Amt. Given Last Year)	Local Missions	Other Objects	Total Given For Local Church Work
Bessie's Chapel	Gaither Wall, Rusk	274.73	84.15		98.57		100.60		4.00			580.00	567.85
Center	Ima H. Crouse, Thurmond	115.00	50.00		57.70		25.00		4.25				251.95
Cool Springs	R. C. Harris, Elkin	480.00	150.00	43.00	383.00		75.00	97.00	6.00	1,800.00		175.00	3,209.00
East Elkin	Mrs. Margaret Cook, Elkin	700.00	201.42	127.43	278.41		225.95	60.00	4.00	65.11	32.00	298.68	1,993.00
Elkin First	Mattie Mae Powell, Elkin	3,800.00	3,643.68	1,628.33	663.00		2,461.93	58.81	10.00	16,000.00	300.00		28,565.75
Elkin Valley	Mrs. Garvey Chambers, Elkin	3,061.92	1,212.04		277.00		204.00	223.42	10.00	9,238.00		427.00	14,653.38
Little Elkin	Colon E. Walls, Ronda	363.76	149.15	95.83	89.00		55.26	39.00	5.00			55.36	852.36
Macedonia	T. L. Byrd, Ronda	554.59	80.15		85.00	302.80	127.83	19.50	4.00			266.75	1,440.62
Maple Springs	Luther Holbrook, Ronda	209.00	28.00		100.00	153.97	77.50		2.00	180.85		19.86	771.18
Mineral Springs	Aubrey Martin, Jonesville	400.00	291.52		300.00	300.00	75.00			1,051.50			2,418.02
Mt. Pleasant	J. Ralph Gentry, State Road	807.18	171.52	275.00	375.00		224.83		10.00	107.20			1,970.73
Oak Grove	G. C. Tharpe, N. Wilkesboro	146.45	12.00		27.50	643.53	41.55		3.00			2.00	876.03
Pleasant Hill	E. F. Yarborough, Elkin	2,860.83	3,565.42	2,324.95	556.90		503.42	773.56	15.00			3,888.66	14,488.74
Pleasant Home	Clifford Jordan, Roaring River	160.35	26.36		99.28					298.35			584.34
Poplar Springs	Ike Nance, State Road	808.39	179.13		71.00		80.65					45.45	1,184.62
Rock Creek	J. W. Brewer, N. Wilkesboro	313.00	20.25		65.90		36.18	20.85		934.42	200.00		1,590.60
Shoaly Branch	James Martin, Benham	175.00	60.00	37.00				68.00	2.50		10.00		352.50
West Elkin	Roby Durham, Elkin	300.00	150.00		115.00		40.00		2.00		60.00		667.00
White Plains	Paul Byrd, Roaring River	310.00	85.00		67.00		40.00	26.00	5.00				533.00
TOTALS		15,840.20	10,159.79	4,531.54	3,709.26	1,400.30	4,394.70	1,386.14	86.75	29,675.43	602.00	5,184.56	76,970.67

TABLE VI. GIFTS FOR ALL MISSIONS, EDUCATION, ORPHANAGES, ETC.

CHURCHES	CLERKS OF CHURCHES AND ADDRESSES	Gifts To Co-Operative Program or Unified Budget	Designated To State Missions	Designated To Home Missions	Designated To Foreign Missions	Designated to Sch., Col. & Seminaries	Orphanages, Cash, Clothing, Etc.	Designated To Hospitals	Red Cross And Foreign Relief	Relief And Annuity, Other Objects	Total For All Missions	Grand Total of All Contributions For All Purposes
Bessie's Chapel	A. C. Wall, Elkin						38.82	15.62			54.44	622.29
Center	Ovid Johnson, Thurmond							10.00			10.00	261.95
Cool Springs	Eugene Pettyjohn, Elkin	13.00					52.00	47.00			112.00	3,321.00
East Elkin	L. H. Henderson, Elkin	45.00	30.00	25.00	10.00	5.00	53.27	75.00	6.00	5.00	254.27	2,247.27
Elkin First	Hazel Byrd, Elkin	3,176.60	109.85		201.17	140.00	650.30	239.00	1,281.83	136.00	5,934.75	34,500.50
Elkin Valley	Hugh Couch, Elkin	100.00					150.00	102.12		100.00	452.12	15,105.50
Little Elkin	Colon E. Walls, Ronda						28.42	31.50			59.92	912.28
Macedonia	E. F. Edwards, Ronda		45.13				190.79	44.77	41.35		322.04	1,762.66
Maple Springs	Luther Holbrook, Ronda											771.18
Mineral Springs	Robert Holcomb, Jonesville	46.00					50.00	21.00			117.00	2,535.02
Mt. Pleasant	M. L. Donovan, Elkin	30.00			50.00		66.30	50.00		529.56	725.86	2,696.59
Oak Grove	G. C. Tharpe, N. Wilkesboro	5.00					5.00	5.00			15.00	891.03
Pleasant Hill	Joe Cockerham, Elkin	114.16					381.32	334.73	103.77	25.00	958.98	15,447.72
Pleasant Home	J. F. Darnell, Roaring River						18.25	16.65			34.90	619.24
Poplar Springs	J. W. Gentry, State Road		10.00				102.30	15.54			127.84	1,312.46
Rock Creek	J. W. Brewer, N. Wilkesboro	18.00		12.00	9.00		28.00	21.65	11.32	51.00	150.97	1,741.57
Shoaly Branch	W. F. Gilliam, Benham			68.00				5.00			73.00	425.50
West Elkin	Glenn Stinson, Elkin	15.32		3.83			10.00				29.15	696.15
White Plains	Paul Byrd, Roaring River											533.00
TOTALS		3,563.08	194.98	108.83	270.17	145.00	1,824.77	1,034.58	1,444.27	846.56	9,432.24	86,402.91

OUR DEPARTED ONES

COOL SPRINGS

Mrs. T. M. Gambill
Mrs. Lillie Blackburn

ELKIN FIRST

Mrs. C. P. McKnight
Billie Gambill
Mrs. Bethania James

ELKIN VALLEY

Mrs. Julia Hudson
Mrs. Carrie Golden

MACEDONIA

Mr. Jacob Key
Mrs. Lillie Luffman

MINERAL SPRING

Mr. Herman Ingool

PLEASANT HILL

Mr. Luther Day
Mrs. Lillie Burcham
Mrs. Harriet Darnell
Mrs. Lula Bryant
Mr. Raymond Darnell

PLEASANT HOME

Mr. Haywood Cockerham, Deacon
Mr. Sherman Combs

POPLAR SPRINGS

Mr. E. H. Eldridge

ROCK CREEK

Mr. Jim Porter
Mrs. Lou Shore
Mrs. Mary Jordan

WHITE PLAINS

Mr. W. E. Sparks

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MINUTES

OF THE

Seventieth Annual Session

OF THE

Elkin Baptist Association

HELD WITH

Cool Springs Baptist Church

ELKIN, NORTH CAROLINA

OCTOBER 1, 1948

J. L. POWERS, Moderator ..... Elkin, N. C.

J. LIVINGSTON WILLIAMS, Clerk ..... Elkin, N. C.

The next session will be held with Mineral Springs Baptist Church, Jonesville, N. C., on Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1949, beginning at 10 A. M.

PROCEEDINGS

FRIDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 1, 1948

(1) On October 1, 1948 at 10 a.m. o'clock, the Elkin Baptist Association convened in the Seventieth Annual session with Cool Springs Baptist Church, Elkin, N. C.

(2) Earl C. James, Moderator, recognized R. C. Harris, Choir leader of Cool Springs Church, who led the audience in singing "What a Friend We Have in Jesus." Thereafter, Brother Harris led the devotionals, reading the fourteenth chapter of Romans and at the close of the reading Rev. Cleat Simmons led in prayer.

(3) Immediately after convening the Association, the Moderator recognized the following visitors:

Dr. Zeno Wall, Superintendent, Thomasville Baptist Orphanage, Thomasville, N. C.

Dr. J. C. Canipe, Director of Evangelism, Baptist State Board, Raleigh, N. C.

Dr. J. Allen Easley, Director of Religious Education, Wake Forest College, Wake Forest, N. C.

Dr. Wilson Woodcock.

Bro. A. B. Hayes, of the Briar Creek Association.

Bro. Call, of the Briar Creek Association.

(4) Church letters were then called for and the following were presented, read and Messengers seated:

Bessie's Chapel — Nancy Wall, Gaither Wall, Kenny Steele, DeWitt Collins.

Center — Bohnson Spicer, J. O. Johnson, J. H. Collins, C. L. Johnson.

Cool Springs — Eugene Pettyjohn, S. H. Couch, O. P. Holbrook, M. L. Pettyjohn.

East Elkin — Mrs. G. W. Creed, Mrs. G. E. Byrd, L. H. Henderson.

Elkin First — Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Hill, Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Walker.

Elkin Valley — J. C. Martin, Lester Cass, Carl Harpe, Lee Roy Hayes, Vaughn Higgins.

Little Elkin — Claude Key, Walter Byrd, Gene Byrd.

Macedonia — F. C. Anthony, Mrs. Grady Dimmette.

Mineral Springs — Herman Alexander, Leonard Holleman.

Mount Pleasant — James Irvin, W. A. Walters, Luther Walters.

Oak Grove — Jack Reid, G. C. Tharpe, G. M. Alexander, Mrs. L. J. Witt, Mrs. Jack Elmore.

Pleasant Hill — Bessie Gilliam, Joe Cockerham, T. M. Collins, Paul Couch.

Pleasant Home — J. Q. Burcham, J. F. Darnell.

Popular Springs — J. W. Gentry, Clarence Newman, S. B. Mooney.

Rock Creek — Mrs. James Brewer, Mrs. Gene Sebastian, Mrs. Lester Johnson.

Ronda — Mrs. Richard Martin, J. L. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Walls, Mrs. Hobson Blackburn.

Shoaly Branch — W. F. Gilliam, Mr. and Mrs. James Martin.

West Elkin — C. W. Young, R. H. Laffoon, Robert Durham.

White Plains — Paul Byrd, Coy McCann.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the following officers were elected to serve for the ensuing year:

Rev. J. L. Powers, Elkin, N. C. ..... Moderator
Rev. L. M. Cook, Ronda, N. C. ..... Assistant Moderator
J. Livingston Williams, Elkin, N. C. ..... Clerk

At this time Ronda Baptist Church of Ronda, N. C., asked to be admitted as a new member church of the Association. Whereupon, the Moderator appointed an examining committee and upon their favorable report the new church was given a hearty welcome by the unanimous vote of all delegates.

Thereupon, their messengers, Mrs. Richard Martin, J. L. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Walls and Mrs. Hobson Blackburn were seated with equal rights and privileges of all delegates.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Christian Education! This means more than education: it is education plus Christ and the principles for living which He advocated. Christian Education is the inherent demand of the unfolding life because man cannot live by bread alone. The demands of the mind and the hunger of the heart must be satisfied together if the individual is to have a well-rounded personality.

Baptists, as a whole, have never realized entirely the influence of Christian Education. The proof of this is seen in our failure to provide adequate support for our denominational colleges. When we once get a vision of the wide range of influence which true Christian teaching exercises, we will be ready to support this phase of our work with vigor and determination.

Among the 5,000 students enrolled in our six Baptist colleges in North Carolina, about 500 have dedicated themselves to full-time Christian service. First emphasis must continue to be placed on training Christian leaders, but we must not forget the importance of trained lay leaders to assure the progress of the church.

Christian people are the providers of support for Christian Education. Our Baptist colleges offer to us unlimited and unequalled opportunities for investing in a Christian world. May we lay this matter to our hearts, heed the challenge held out to us, and respond liberally.

Respectfully submitted,
J. D. WYATT

Remarks by Dr. Easley, Rev. Clifford Vestal and Dr. J. C. Canipe.

Report unanimously adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

Webster's Collegiate Dictionary defines temperance as "Habitual moderation of the appetites and passions." Such moderation should apply to all the habits of life. The apostle Paul urged the Corinthians to exercise self-control in all things. He said in I Corinthians 9:25, "Every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we are incorruptible."

A more narrow definition of temperance is needed in relation to intoxicating beverages. Abstinence from the use of beer, wine, and whiskey is the safe way.

Your committee would like to make three suggestions to the Elkin Association.

1st. — Leave intoxicating drinks absolutely alone. Adopt the attitude that it is the smart thing **not** to drink.

2nd. — Give all possible aid to law enforcement officers. We have made the mistake of asking for prohibition laws and after securing the laws, doing nothing whatever to see they are enforced.

3rd. — Work to outlaw every beer, wine and liquor store in North Carolina.

Respectfully submitted,
HOWARD J. FORD

Remarks by Rev. J. C. Canipe.

Report unanimously adopted.

Sermon by Rev. L. M. Cook.

Text: John 20:21.

Subject: "As the Father has sent me, even so send I you."

At the close of the sermon the congregation sang "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms."

Benediction by Rev. A. B. Hayes.

Adjourned for lunch.

1:00 P. M.

Song by congregation, "Higher Ground."

REPORT ON BAPTIST HOSPITAL

The North Carolina Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem has been a good samaritan in this year of 1948, to many of the hundreds of people in our State who had polio. The loved ones of these were glad indeed to have such a hospital to administer the best of care and expert treatment to the victims of this dread disease.

This hospital, planned originally as a 100 bed hospital in 1922, when incorporated, has grown to several times its original size. The underlying purpose of the hospital has always been, medical care of the highest type for all, and especially for the poor.

In 1941 the Wake Forest Medical School was expanded from a two year school into a fully approved four year medical school and the entire medical program of the college moved to Winston-Salem, adjacent to the hospital and named in honor of the late Mr. Bowman Gray. Then the purpose became twofold, teaching and healing, the twin endeavors of Christ.

The hospital operates a fully approved school of nursing with 120 young women receiving professional training under christian auspices. The curriculum includes a course in Bible by the hospital Chaplain and religious services are held for them in the nurses home.

About 48,000 people depend each year on the Baptist Hospital for the relief of pain of which approximately 8,000 are in patients or bed patients, 20,000 who are given complete diagnostic examinations but are not admitted as bed patients and 20,000 who go to the Medical Schools private clinic for examinations.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. GRADY A. DIMMETTE

Remarks by Dr. McGee and Rev. Clifford Vestal.

Report unanimously adopted.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE

The Baptist Orphanage of North Carolina has been home, with love, security and a chance for the better things of life for thousands of boys and girls. These children have been deprived of a real home by death, misunderstandings, poverty or circumstances over which they had no control.

Under the influence of christian leadership and christian teaching they make good, useful citizens. Letters written by alumni of Mills Home and Kennedy Home are full of expressions of gratitude for the "Home" that was given them. You who have helped support this institution can feel happy that you have had a part in giving a home to some worthy boy or girl.

In 1947 there were 608 children cared for at Mills Home and Kennedy Home, 83 in foster homes and 80 by mother's aid, which totals 771.

Is your Sunday School giving a monthly offering to our Baptist Orphanage? The churches are asked to do that. If you as leaders in your church will present the need to your people I feel sure they will respond wholeheartedly.

We desire your prayers for our work and workers.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. L. C. HOLLOWAY

Remarks by Dr. Zeno Wall.

Report unanimously adopted.

REPORT ON OLD MINISTERS' RELIEF

Few people take time to think what our Ministers really sacrifice when they give up all they have in the way of making a living for themselves and their families, and go forth as God commands to preach the Word. A true Preacher of the Gospel never questions whether or not he will have food and raiment for his needs and those of his loved ones, but his one aim and desire is to win the lost to Christ; therefore his provisions for his old age are often limited. After careful consideration of the sacrifices a Minister makes throughout the many years he goes from place to place preaching the great Love of God, and all the untiring efforts he puts forth to save the lost; we want to urge every Christian to at least make some small sacrifice to aid those aged servants when they are no longer able to carry the Message of God in their sermons, to bring happiness in their last days, that they may never feel that they are forgotten persons, but that they may know that the Gospel is still being carried by those to whom they have told the Blessed Story in the past. May we ever provide them with the things that they need to give them comforts and happiness during their last days on this earth.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. DALLAS GILLIAM

Report unanimously adopted.

REPORT ON TIME PLACE AND PREACHER

TIME: Friday before the First Sunday in October, 1949

PLACE: Mineral Springs Baptist Church, Jonesville, N. C.

PREACHER: Rev. J. D. Wyatt.

ALTERNATE: Rev. J. C. Gwaltney.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

Periodicals: ..... Mrs. C. N. Myers, Elkin, N. C.
Temperance: ..... Rev. David Day, Elkin, N. C.
Hospital: ..... Mrs. L. H. Petree, Ronda, N. C.
Orphanage: ..... Mrs. Earl James, Elkin, N. C.
Minister's Relief: ..... Mrs. Eugene Pettyjohn, Elkin, N. C.
Christian Education: ..... Rev. Clarence Gwaltney, Elkin, N. C.
Women's Missionary Union ..... Mrs. J. D. Wyatt, State Road, N. C.
Missions: ..... Rev. Clifford Vestal, Cycle, N. C.
Sunday School: ..... Mr. L. F. Walker, Elkin, N. C.

Respectfully submitted,

REV. DAVID DAY, REV. HOWARD FORD, REV. J. D. WYATT

Report unanimously adopted.

REPORT ON RESOLUTIONS

We, your Committee on Resolutions, ask that a special vote of thanks be tendered to the good people of Cool Springs and vicinity for their courteous entertainment of your Association and for the delightful dinner served on the grounds.

W. H. COMBS, L. M. COOK
E. M. ELDRIDGE

REPORT ON PERIODICALS

Today the Baptist people have time to read and are interested in the news and conditions of the world. They do not seem to realize that there is another world and life that means more than this one. There is always interesting news and words of good cheer to be found in the divine Book. The Biblical Recorder and Charity and Children are far more helpful than our newspapers today, spiritually, and if we are to be successful and victorious in the crisis of the world we must not forget to read something that will help us have more faith and prepare us against temptation.

We are told in the Bible to study to show ourselves approved, and if we are true christians we will not forget to read and study more important literature that is written by inspired authors.

Respectfully submitted,

REV. E. M. ELDRIDGE, Com.

Remarks by Rev. Wilson Woodcock.

Report unanimously adopted.

REPORT ON MISSIONS

The September number of The Commission, our Southern Baptist Missionary Magazine, says Baptists are confronted with a critical opportunity in foreign mission work. It sets forth three reasons for its belief. The first is a widespread need of aid and rehabilitation which follows war. The second is the accessibility of non-christian people to the gospel because of dire need for the Bible which says the "poor heard Him gladly." And, finally, the strong forces of communism makes it necessary for us to act **now.**

Missions translated the love of God into life itself. To meet the need of the world today we should send thousands of missionaries and millions of dollars.

Like him, we must dedicate all we have and are to the giver of every good and perfect gift. If our churches fail in this unique

time, the cause of Christ will suffer a terrible set back. Today let us send clothes, food, Bibles, money to build the morale of our overworked missionaries and to the weakened, disheartened people of the world.

Jesus said "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that he send forth laborers into the harvest." Here is the secret of all christian work. As we pray we become more conscious of our part in the kingdom building. Fervent prayer and sacrificial giving go together. These will meet the need of the day and promote the kingdom of God in all parts of the world.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. E. C. JAMES

Remarks by Rev. J. C. Gwaltney and Rev. J. L. Powers.

Report unanimously adopted.

Song: "God be with you till we meet again."

Benediction: Rev. A. B. Hayes.

Adjournment.

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS

ARVIL ALEXANDER	Elkin, N. C.
J. S. BRYANT	N. Wilkesboro, Route 2
MARVIN BURCHAM	Ronda, N. C.
R. A. CALL	Roaring River, N. C.
C. C. COCKERHAM	Roaring River N. C.
L. M. COOK	Ronda, N. C.
DAVID W. DAY	Elkin, N. C.
RICHARD DAY	Elkin, N. C.
E. M. ELDRIDGE	Elkin, N. C.
HOWARD J. FORD	Elkin, N. C.
ROY FRANKLIN	Hays, N. C.
CLARENCE GWALTNEY	Elkin, N. C.
GLENN HUFFMAN	Parsonville, N. C.
JOHN L. LUFFMAN	Ronda, N. C.
J. MARTIN LUFFMAN	Ronda, N. C.
W. B. LUFFMAN	No. Wilkesboro, N. C.
LEVI McCANN	Roaring River, N. C.
GILBERT OSBORNE	No. Wilkesboro, N. C.
LLOYD PARDUE	Elkin, N. C.
J. L. POWERS	Elkin, N. C.
GAR PRUITT	Elkin, N. C.
B. F. ROLLINS	Elkin, N. C.
CLETE SIMMONS	Jonesville, N. C.
FLOYD STANLEY	Elkin, N. C.
GROVER TILLEY	Elkin, N. C.
CLIFFORD VESTAL	Cycle, N. C.
JOHN WEATHERMAN	State Road, N. C.
J. D. WYATT	State Road, N. C.

CONSTITUTION

1. This Association shall be known as the Elkin Baptist Association, and shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches; each church being entitled to three delegates, and all regular ordained ministers as members ex officia.

2. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's Kingdom upon earth.

3. The delegates thus selected should bear from each respective church a letter certifying their appointments, and communicating information relative to the state of the church and interest thereof.

4. The Association just formed shall elect, by ballot, a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall continue in office for one year, and until others are chosen. The last two offices may be held by the same individual.

5. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside at meetings of business; to keep order during each session; to decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the house by any member and to perform all other duties pertaining to his office.

6. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a faitful and correct record of all the proceedings of each session of the Association and keep a minute of each session and to perform other duties assigned to him by the Association.

7. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to keep a correct record of all the funds coming into the hands and report the same at the order of the Association.

8. There shall be a Committee of Arrangements consisting of five members, besides the Moderator and Clerk.

9. All letters or grievances or queries, together with all letters from corresponding associations requiring any attention thereon, shall be submitted to the Committee on Arrangements and reported back to the Association.

10. This body shall have no coersive power to exercise lordship over God's heritage, but shall only be considered as advisory council in all matters respecting the internal regulation of the churches.

11. When an offense may have been committed by one church against another, or when a series of difficulties may have arisen in an individual church, it shall be the duty of the Association (after due labors have been had between the offending and offended churches, or an individual church, as the case may be) to take the matter into consideration and advise upon it.

12. The Association shall not maintain permanent fellowship towards any of her churches which neglect to institute and preserve Gospel order among her members, nor any of her churches or ministers that treat her constitution with contempt; but shall sustain with all her influence, such as promote Gospel principles and order.

13. It shall be the province of this Association to invite visiting and corresponding brethren to seats, who shall be entitled to speak on any point under discussion, but not to vote.

14. The Association shall be in all cases, (except in matters pertaining to the constitution) be governed by a majority of the members present, and shall not adjourn until they have gone through the business of the Association, except in extraordinary cases.

15. Each church having an ordained or licensed minister shall

report the same to the Association in order that they may appear as such in the face of the minutes.

16. The Association shall furnish the churches with the minutes of her proceedings; and it shall be the duty of the churches to enable her to do so.

17. The Association shall have a fund, created and sustained by voluntary contributions from the churches, which shall be held by the treasurer and subject to the disposition of a majority of the Association present at any annual session.

18. The Association shall hold an annual meeting at such time and place as the body may from time to time designate.

19. By appointment of the Association there may be an Introductory, Missionary and Denominational sermon preached each annual session.

20. This Constitution may be altered or amended at any time, two thirds of the members present concurring.

21. The benevolent institutions of the day shall be no bar or test of fellowship, but all shall be free to sustain or not sustain as they choose.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2. The letters from the churches shall be read and the names of the delegates enrolled.

3. A Moderator and Clerk chosen by a majority of the members present.

4. Only one member shall speak at a time who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator; and while speaking shall not be interrupted by any member, except the Moderator.

5. The members speaking shall strictly adhere to the subject, and use no words calculated to irritate.

6. No member shall abruptly break off or absent himself without leave of the Association.

7. No member shall speak more than three times upon one subject without leave of the Association.

8. No member shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of the Association, nor whispering in time of public speech.

9. No member of the Association shall address another in any other appellation than that of brother.

10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member or prohibit him from speaking till he gives his light on the subject, unless he breaks this decorum.

11. The names of the several members of the Association shall be called by the Clerk as often as the Association requires.

12. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privileges as any other member, provided his seat be filled; and he shall have no vote, unless the Association be equally divided.

13. Queries presented by churches shall be attended to by the Association.

14. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

15. Any member who shall willingly and knowingly break any of

these rules shall be reproved by the Association, as they shall think proper.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in only one true and living God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost and these three are one.

2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the words of God, and the only rules of Faith and Practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of Election by grace.

4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin, and in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature by his own free will or ability.

5. We believe that sinners are called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit and that all who are thus regenerated are born again by the Spirit of God, shall never fall finally away.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.

7. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only subjects of those ordinances; and we believe that the only true mode of Baptism is by immersion.

8. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment, and that the joys of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

9. We believe that no minister has the right to administer the ordinances of the Gospel, except such as are regularly called, and come under the imposition of hands by the Presbytery.

OUR DEPARTED ONES

COOL SPRINGS

Miss Myrtle Settle
Mrs. Cora Cox

ELKIN VALLEY

Mr. Robert D. Salley
Mr. George M. Newman

MACEDONIA

Mr. D. J. Burchette
Mrs. S. A. Lyon
Mrs. Ed Bray

MINERAL SPRINGS

Mr. Richard Wilmoth (Deacon)

PLEASANT HILL

Mrs. Amy Alexander
Mr. Charles Burchette (Deacon)
Mr. Ed Carter
Mr. Joseph Money
Mrs. Matilda Rogers
Mr. Paul Rogers
Mrs. Cora Reavis
Mr. Walter Transou
Mrs. Florence Transou

ROCK CREEK

Mr. F. A. Dowell
Mr. Arthur Richardson
Mr. Dave Burchett

RONDA

Mr. Everett Dobbins

SHOALEY BRANCH

Mr. S. N. Couch

WHITE PLAINS

Mr. W. F. Alexander
Mrs. Annie Cardwell

TABLE I: CHURCH AND MEMBERSHIP

CHURCHES	Location OC-V-T-C	Date Organized	Dates of Meeting	PASTORS AND ADDRESSES	Baptisms	Letter and other additions	Loss by Death	Total Losses	Total Resident Members	Total Non-resident Members	Grand Total Present Members	Revival Meetings Held	Number Tithers
Bessie's Chapel	OC	1935	4th Sunday	L. M. Cook, Ronda	10	9	.....	1	64	3	67	2	.....
Center	OC	1839	3rd Sunday	Grover Tilley, Elkin	3	6	.....	1	36	21	57	2	.....
Cool Springs	OC	1805	2nd Sunday	D. W. Day, Elkin	12	1	2	5	165	96	261	2	.....
East Elkin	T	1921	Full	J. L. Powers, Elkin	11	7	.....	5	70	91	161	2	.....
Elkin First	T	1889	Full	Howard J. Ford, Elkin	4	28	1	28	345	253	598	1	.....
Elkin Valley	V	1914	Full	J. C. Gwaltney, Elkin	30	10	2	17	479	6	485	2	35
Little Elkin	OC	1905	2 and 4	Roy Franklin, Hayes	15	4	.....	8	135	83	218	1	.....
Macedonia	OC	1876	1 and 3	Loyd Pardue, Elkin	8	4	3	14	166	55	221	1	.....
Mineral Springs	T	1940	Full	Clifford Vestal, Jonesville	54	23	1	8	164	.....	164	1	20
Mt. Pleasant	V	1887	Full	J. D. Wyatt, State Road	5	4	.....	5	70	54	124	1	.....
Oak Grove	OC	1946	1 and 3	Gilbert Osborne, N. Wilkesboro	16	10	.....	.....	31	26	57	1	2
Pleasant Hill	V	1897	Full	David W. Day, Elkin	17	12	8	25	556	40	596	2	50
Pleasant Home	OC	1878	4th	Marvin Burcham, Ronda	13	.....	.....	5	226	.....	226	1	.....
Poplar Springs	OC	1889	3rd	Cleat Simmons, Jonesville	3	.....	.....	4	144	61	205	1	2
Rock Creek	OC	1849	2nd	L. M. Cook, Ronda	6	2	3	28	136	159	295	1	6
Ronda	T	1893	1st and 3rd	L. M. Cook, Ronda	19	6	1	10	134	60	194	1	.....
Shoaly Branch	OC	1884	1st and 3rd	Marvin Burcham, Elkin	10	2	1	3	95	33	128	2	.....
West Elkin	T	1940	1st and 3rd	Grover Tilley, Elkin	10	10	.....	8	60	26	86	2	.....
White Plains	OC	1860	1st Sunday	R. A. Call, . Wilkesboro	13	2	2	8	160	25	185	1	.....
Maple Springs	OC	1943	2nd Sunday	John Luffman, Ronda	.....	.....	.....	.....	40	5	45	1	.....
TOTALS					259	140	24	183	3,276	1,097	4,373	28	115

TABLE II: THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

CHURCHES	Sunday School Superintendents And Addresses	Cradle Roll	Nursery	Beginners	Primaries	Juniors	Intermediates	Young People	Adults	Extension Department	Officers not counted Classes and Departments	Grand Total Sunday School Enrollment	Average Attendance	V. B. S. Enrollment	Average Attendance
Bessie's Chapel	B. T. Southard, Elkin			12		10	15	18	30			85	65		
Center	Sam Spicer, Thurmond			20		22			25			67	55		
Cool Springs	R. C. Harris, Elkin			21		22	19	25	56		3	146	96		
Elkin First	Cortez Lowery, Elkin		28	46	43	44	52	74	208	•45	4	544	312	168	134
East Elkin	L. H. Henderson, Elkin			15	16	20	17	13	33		2	116	70	44	40
Elkin Valley	Carl M. Harpe, Elkin		18	26	52	52	55	90	132		30	455	237	115	110
Little Elkin	Robert E. Key, Ronda			30		35		40	35			140	90		
Macedonia	Ralph Tharpe, Ronda	4		20	16	23	19	9	53		2	146	63	23	15
Maple Springs	Luther Holbrook, Ronda			20	20		10	16	14			70	46		
Mineral Springs	D. G. Reece, Jonesville			30	20	40	15	60	30		9	204	175		
Mt. Pleasant	W. A. Walters, State Road		5	18	14	17	16	14	77	18	4	183	91	79	70
Oak Grove	G. C. Tharpe, N. Wilkesboro		8	5	8	14	25		25		7	92	60		
Pleasant Hill	L. H. Petree, Ronda		43	24	55	53	70	44	223		4	516	342	229	190
Pleasant Home	J. E. McCann, Roaring River			15		16	20	35	45			131	75		
Poplar Springs	R. W. Gentry, State Road			20	15	15	20	25	83			178	95		
Rock Creek	Clarence Sebastian, N. Wilkesboro			25	25	39	14	16	21			140	60	66	50
Ronda	Colin Pardue, Ronda			18	23	25	18	23	53			160	82		
Shoaly Branch	O. H. Gentry, Benham			10		19		19	18		1	67	45		
West Elkin	Harvey Wooten, Elkin		19		11	9	12	37	14			102	65		
White Plains	Walter Bryant, Roaring River			16		18	14	20	22			90	68		
TOTALS		4	121	391	318	493	401	578	1,197	63	66	3,632	2,192	724	609

TABLE III: TRAINING UNION

CHURCHES	TRAINING UNION DIRECTORS AND ADDRESSES	No. of Story Hours	No. of Junior Unions	No. Intermediate Unions	No. Young People's Unions	No. of Adult Unions	Grand Total Unions	Story Hour Enrolled	Junior Enrolled	Intermediate Enrolled	Young People Enrolled	Adult Enrolled	General Officers Enrolled	Grand Total Enrolled	Average Attendance
Cool Springs	R. C. Harris, Elkin	....	1	.....	1	1	3	.....	23	.....	18	37	.....	78	53
East Elkin	Burrus Gray, Jonesville	....	1	1	1	1	4	.....	14	10	10	14	.....	48	30
Elkin First	Ellen Daniel, Elkin	....	1	.....	1	1	3	.....	20	.....	20	15	5	60	40
Elkin Valley	Lee Roy Hayes, Elkin	....	1	1	1	1	4	.....	19	40	10	10	10	89	45
Mineral Springs	Ida Mae Wilmoth, Jonesville	1	1	.....	.....	1	3	15	15	.....	.....	35	2	67	49
Mt. Pleasant	Joseph Ball, State Road	1	1	.....	1	1	4	15	10	.....	6	20	.....	51	23
Pleasant Hill	Evelyn Myers. Elkin	1	1	.....	1	1	4	15	25	.....	45	40	3	128	67
TOTALS		3	7	2	6	7	25	45	126	50	109	171	20	521	307

TABLE IV: WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

CHURCHES	PRESIDENTS OF W. M. S. AND ADDRESSES	W. M. S. Units	Y. W. A. Units	G. A. Units	R. A. Units	Sunbeam Units	Total Units	W. M. S. Enrolled	Y. W. A. Enrolled	G. A. Enrolled	R. A. Enrolled	Sunbeam Enrolled	Total Enrolled	Enrolled In Mission Study	Tithers, all organizations
East Elkin	Mrs. G. W. Creed, Elkin	1		1		1	3	14		12		20	46		
Elkin First	Mrs. Fred Harris, Elkin	1	1	2	1	1	6	176	13	28	24	35	276	58	
Elkin Valley	Mrs. Robt. Transou, Elkin	2	1	2			5	31	15	35			81	50	
Mineral Springs	Mrs. Ruby Vestal, Jonesville	1					1	24					24	14	6
Mt. Pleasant	Mrs. W. A. Walters, State Road	1	1				2	12	10				22	22	
Poplar Springs	Mrs. Faye Eldridge, State Road	1					1	15					15		
Rock Creek	Mrs. Gene Sebastian, N. Wilkesboro	1					1	12					12	12	5
Ronda	Mrs. Richard Martin, Ronda	1	1				2	21	17				38		
TOTALS		9	4	5	1	2	21	305	55	75	24	55	514	156	11

TABLE V: GIFTS FOR LOCAL WORK OF CHURCH

CHURCHES	TREASURERS AND ADDRESSES	Pastor's Salary Paid for Year	Janitor, Fuel, Repairs Insurance, Etc.	Ass't. Pastor, Educational Director, Choir Leader	Revival Expense and Pastoral Supply	Paid on Church Debt out of Current Funds	Literature, Quarterlies, Church Paper, Song Books	Local Benevolences	Building Fund (given Associational Year)	Local Missions	Other Objects	Total Given for Local Church Work
Bessie's Chapel	Gaither Wall, Elkin	378.03	352.12		32.05		43.50					805.70
Center	Ima H. Crouse, Thurmond	182.45	15.00		68.00		25.00					290.45
Cool Springs	R. C. Harris, Elkin	697.95	1,108.20		139.89		65.10	100.05	1,551.14		60.74	3,723.07
East Elkin	Margaret Cook, Elkin	1,410.00	262.16		210.95		161.67	25.15		159.50	36.60	2,266.03
Elkin First	Mattie Mae Powell, Elkin	3,900.00	2,712.65	1,918.25	499.00		616.54	18.20		223.28	3,861.59	13,749.51
Elkin Valley	Reba Johnson, Elkin	3,105.78	1,107.46		409.17	1,000.00	472.81	847.15	600.00	40.67	1,692.90	9,275.94
Little Elkin	Colon E. Walls, Ronda	600.00	45.50		120.00		78.00	21.76			12.50	877.76
Macedonia	T. L. Byrd, Ronda	425.59	133.00	90.00	75.32		147.53		35.00		17.50	923.94
Mineral Springs	Charles Casstevens, Jonesville	2,275.56	400.00		148.56	360.00	200.61	212.00			2,200.00	5,796.73
Mt. Pleasant	J. Ralph Gentry, State Road	2,406.25	523.75		261.20	3,179.22	235.84	25.00	701.16		382.27	7,894.54
Oak Grove	G. C. Tharpe, N. Wilkesboro	200.38		50.00	65.05		60.00	25.00	589.88			990.30
Pleasant Hill	E. F. Yarborough, Elkin	2,921.46	1,252.27	2,292.01	566.46		884.36	629.29		1,422.95	1,995.66	11,964.46
Pleasant Home	Clifford Jordan, Roaring River	238.11	191.12		100.00						60.71	589.94
Poplar Springs	Ike Nance, State Road	904.20	645.39		20.50		115.35			80.30	148.71	1,914.45
Rock Creek	Mrs. Roscoe Wood, N. Wilkesboro	200.00			42.01	85.00	60.24	35.00	525.30	8.00	78.84	1,034.39
Ronda	E. D. Byrd, Ronda	600.00	232.58	33.75	59.60		69.71	45.00	1,845.46	33.35		2,919.45
Shoaly Branch	James Martin, Benham	225.00	25.00		52.25		38.13		73.00	150.00	10.00	573.38
West Elkin	Roby Durham, Elkin	300.00	193.17	30.00	250.00	80.00	59.62		378.73		23.00	1,314.52
White Plains	Paul Byrd, Roaring River	351.04	40.00		72.00		40.00		2,200.00			2,703.09
TOTALS		21,321.80	9,239.37	4,414.01	3,192.01	4,704.22	3,374.01	2,163.45	8,499.66	2,118.05	10,581.02	69,607.60

TABLE VI: GIFTS FOR ALL MISSIONS, EDUCATION, ORPHANAGES, ETC.

CHURCHES	CLERKS OF CHURCHES AND ADDRESSES	Co-operative Program (or Unified Budget)	Associational Missions	Designated State Missions	Designated Home Missions	Designated Foreign Missions	Schools, Colleges, and Seminaries	Orphanage, Total Gifts	Designated to Hospitals Relief and Annuity;	Other Objects	Total Gifts for Missions	Grand Total Gifts for All Purposes	Pledged to Co-operative or Unified Budget for Coming Year
Bessie's Chapel	A. C. Wall, Elkin							44.05	14.35		58.40	864.10	
Center	Bonnie Spicer, Thurmond								13.35		13.35	303.80	
Cool Springs	Eugene Pettyjohn, Elkin							91.26	27.10		118.96	3,842.03	
East Elkin	L. Henderson, Elkin	7.16	1.00	24.90	23.50	6.00	5.00	40.00	16.00	7.00	130.56	2,396.59	
Elkin First	Hazel Byrd, Elkin	5,390.00	10.00	55.00		134.83	950.00	600.00	348.00	671.93	8,159.76	21,909.27	
Elkin Valley	G. C. Cooper, Elkin	263.35		183.41				137.87	200.33	120.00	944.96	10,220.90	
Little Elkin	Colon E. Walls, Elkin								10.84		10.84	888.60	
Macedonia	E. F. Edwards, Ronda	148.46		30.28			25.08	108.56	38.71		351.09	1,275.03	
Mineral Springs	Mike Case, Jonesville	50.00		32.38	14.00	29.50		50.00	42.00	125.88	343.76	6,140.49	200.00
Mt. Pleasant	Minnie L. Donovan, State Road					75.00		60.00	50.00		185.00	8,079.54	
Oak Grove	G. C. Tharpe, N. Wilkesboro							10.00	17.14	5.00	32.14	1,022.44	
Pleasant Hill	Joe Cockerham, Elkin	167.43		29.80	12.50	12.50		435.52	200.00	50.00	907.75	12,872.21	
Pleasant Home	J. F. Darnall, Roaring River							13.15	19.02		32.17	622.11	
Poplar Springs	J. W. Gentry, State Road			20.00				140.00	30.00		190.00	2,104.45	
Rock Creek	Mrs. Roscoe Wood, N. Wilkesboro	22.25	14.87	15.00	17.78	17.78	10.00	10.00	23.00	9.25	139.93	1,174.32	
Ronda	Mrs. Richard Martin, Ronda	36.00		15.85		14.07		60.00	46.00	103.60	275.52	3,194.97	
Shoaly Branch	James Martin, Benham							10.00	10.00		20.00	593.38	
West Elkin	Glenn Stinson, Elkin					23.10			13.10		36.20	1,350.72	
White Plains	Paul Byrd, Roaring River							25.00	25.00		50.00	2,753.04	
TOTAL		6,084.65	25.87	406.62	67.78	312.78	990.08	1,835.41	1,184.54	1,092.66	12,000.39	81,607.99	200.00

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SEPTEMBER 29, 1949

J. L. POWERS, Moderator ..... Elkin, N. C.

J. LIVINGSTON WILLIAMS, Clerk .... Elkin, N. C.

The next session will be held at Ronda Baptist Church, Ronda, N. C., and at Mount Pleasant Baptist Church, State Road, N. C., on Thursday and Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1950, beginning at 10 A. M.

PROCEEDINGS

FRIDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 30, 1949

(1) On September 30, 1949, at 10:00 a. m., the Elkin Baptist Association convened in the Seventy-First annual session with Mineral Springs Baptist Church, Jonesville, N. C.

(2) J. L. Powers, Moderator, recognized the choir leader of the church, who led the assembly in singing "Work For The Night Is Coming." Thereafter Rev. Clifford Vestal led the devotional, his subject being, "For the People Had a Mind to Work." He then led the assembly in prayer.

(3) Immediately after convening the Association, the Moderator recognized the following visitors:

Dr. Zeno Wall, Superintendent, Thomasville Baptist Orphanage, Thomasville, N. C.

Dr. R. K. Redwine, Representative of Seaside Assembly.

Dr. W. K. McGee, Baptist Hospital, Winston-Salem, N. C.

Dr. M. H. Kendall, Mars Hill College, Mars Hill, N. C.

Bro. J. W. Hemric, of the Briar Creek Association.

Bro. N. H. Caudill, of the Briar Creek Association.

Bro. Bascomb King, of the Montgomery Association.

Rev. B. F. Peeler, of Caldwell County.

Bro. Lee Black, of Alleghany County.

(4) Church letters were then called for, and the following were presented, read and messengers seated:

Bessie's Chapel—B. T. Southard, Roger Holder, Gaither Wall, Versie Collins.

Center—Sam Spicer, Bahnson Spicer, Mrs. Ella Johnson, Mrs. Myrtle Pearl Wood.

Cool Springs—M. L. Pettyjohn, Roy Darnell, Mrs. M. L. Pettyjohn.

East Elkin—Mrs. G. E. Byrd.

Elkin First—L. F. Walker, Mrs. E. C. James, Mrs. C. R. Alexander, Mrs. W. T. Roth, J. F. Moseley, J. Livingston Williams.

Elkin Valley—J. C. Martin, Carl Harpe, LeRoy Hayes, Lester Cass.

Little Elkin—E. R. Settle, J. T. Byrd.

Macedonia—Herbert Key, Mrs. F. C. Anthony, Mrs. C. R. Byrd.

Mineral Springs—Herman Alexander, Aubrey Martin.

Mt. Pleasant—Joe Ball, Walter F. Carter, Mrs. Joe Ball, Walter H. Combs.

Oak Grove—C. G. Johnson, Wake Watts, P. J. Elmore.

Pleasant Hill—Kermit Darnell, Floyd Stanley, C. H. Day, Mrs. Kermit Darnell, Mrs. Floyd Stanley, L. H. Petree.

Pleasant Home—J. F. Darnell.

Poplar Springs—J. W. Gentry, J. B. Mooney, Roscoe Gentry.

Rock Creek—Mrs. Roy Richardson, Mrs. Jim Brewer.

Ronda—Mrs. Richard Martin, Mrs. C. C. Tharpe, J. T. Martin, E. D. Byrd.

Shoaly Branch—O. H. Gentry, W. F. Gilliam.

Union Hill—Jack Brooks, Junior Kennedy, Grady Money, Reid Nixon, Mrs. Margaret Kennedy, Mrs. Thursia Nixon, Mrs. Doris Brooks.

West Elkin—Ralph Collins, Harvey Wooten, Byrd Phillips, Mrs. Cecil Hooper, Mrs. Ed Murphy, Mrs. Coy Young.

White Plains—Paul Byrd, Mrs. Lolamay Swaim, Miss Peggy Byrd, John W. Truitt.

Upon motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried, the following officers were elected to serve for the ensuing year:

Rev. J. L. Powers, Elkin, N. C.....Moderator

Atty. Earl C. James, Elkin, N. C.....Assistant Moderator

Atty. J. Livingston Williams, Elkin, N. C.....Clerk

At this time Union Hill Baptist Church asked to be admitted as a new member of the Association. Whereupon, the Moderator appointed an examining committee and upon their favorable report the new church was given a hearty welcome by the unanimous vote of all delegates.

Thereupon, their messengers, Jack Brooks, Junior Kennedy, Grady Money, Reid Nixon, Mrs. Margaret Kennedy, Mrs. Thursia Nixon, and Mrs. Doris Brooks were seated with equal rights and privileges.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Chrstian Education applies not only to college education, but to training in the life of Christ, the Bible and its teachings, and the church and denominational principles.

We realize now as never before the urgency for educated Christian leaders in our churches, in politics, in law, in business, in social work, in journalism, in colleges and universities, and in communities, large and small. Proof of this is shown by the increasing number of enrollments in the Southern Baptists' three seminaries, one training school, thirty-one senior colleges, twenty-four junior colleges, and eight academies. In the seminaries, schools, and colleges we have a total enrollment of 54,979. Of this number 6,571 are ministerial students. In addition to these ministerial students, there are 2,197 volunteers for full-time Christian service. In North Carolina's six Baptist colleges this year, we had a total enrollment of 5,481 in Baptist institutions. Progress is being made in the Southern Baptist Convention to establish two additional seminaries to meet the needs of the eastern seaboard and in the western states.

It is a particular responsibility of pastors, Sunday School superintendents, and all Baptists to be interested in helping to further the program of Christian Education in colleges. We must keep the education-minded young people interested in making our world Christian.

Since our colleges are not able to meet the needs of the many interested young people, we should encourage the most outstanding and capable young men and young women to enter a Christian college.

If we try to convince worthy students the importance of going to a Christian college, we must help them to understand that these colleges cannot receive support from the state and must be helped by churches.

Not all of us can help financially, but the least each of us can do is to make the institutions and their leaders objects of our daily prayers. On every hand in our world today we find men and women who believe in and want to support education, but we must go one step further and help them to want CHRISTIAN education.

We are challenged to put our money and service to the aid of these training centers of God and amximize our efforts in the name of youth and for the cause of Christ.

Respecfully submitted,

MRS. LESTER HOLLAWAY

Remarks—Dr. M. H. Kendall, Mars Hill College, Mars Hill, N. C.

Dr. Kendall stated that the main objective of Mars Hill and the other Christian colleges was to train Christian leaders to take their proper places in the various fields of human endeavor. That man's proper relationship with God was all important. Rev. J. C. Gwaltney urged support for seminaries in the east for our young ministerial students.

At the eleven o'clock hour Rev. J. W. Wyatt preached the Associational sermon.

Text: Acts 16:9. "And a vision appeared to Paul in the night; there stood a man of Macedonia and prayed him, saying, Come over into Macedonia, and help us."

After the sermon, benediction was given and the Association adjourned for lunch.

1:00 P. M.

Song by congregation, "What A Friend We Have In Jesus."

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

The word temperance appears four times in the Bible, each time it is found to be associated with the higher things of life, and never with the baser things.

It is first found in Acts 24:25, Paul the apostle before Felix the governor associated temperance with righteousness, "As he reasoned of righteousness, temperance, and judgment to come, Felix trembled."

Second: in Galations 5:22-23, Paul associates temperance with the fruits of the spirit which are all within the law, love, joy, peace, long suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law."

Third and fourth: found in 2 Peter 1:6, here the apostle Peter in adding up the christian virtues and graces which go to build christian characters said "Add to knowledge temperance, and to temperance, patience, and to patience godliness," and etc.

In the light of the above mentioned scriptures, any person, or persons who manufacture, buy, sell, drink, or give to another to drink whiskey, wine, beer, or any other intoxicating drink as a beverage, or use their influence in any way in favor of this evil, cannot be looked upon as a righteous, fruit bearing, christian character builder.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID W. DAY

Report unanimously adopted.

REPORT ON BAPTIST HOSPITAL

To most people who are entering a hospital for the first time, it is a place of strange scenes, sounds and odors, but if it is necessary for one to remain as a patient, some of these first impressions change rapidly. They will find they are not alone among strange people, but that here, doctors and nurses, in their kindly ways, are helping friends back to health, and strength by their love and care.

We are glad to know that the Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem has been, and still is, just such an institution, having as their main objectives—healing and teaching—knowing that faith in God, and

faith in scientific service, accomplish wonders worth while in the life of one who is ill.

The hospital received its first patient on May 28, 1923, and now admits approximately 8,800 persons per year as bed patients, and rendered a total of 88,839 days of patient care in 1948.

A total of 386 nurses have graduated since 1926, and a normal enrollment in the school is about 120.

A patients' need for pastoral care is increased, rather than lessened, by his physical difficulties. To meet this need, the hospital has established a full department of religion with a director, chaplain, and a student secretary. Their duties consist of pastoral care of the patient, and promotion of religious programs for nurses and medical students.

Approximately half of the 8,800 bed patients in 1948, paid no doctor's fee, and were assisted by the Mother's Day Offering.

You might be interested to know that an average of 3 babies per day are born at the Baptist Hospital, making a total of well over a thousand new citizens each year.

The medical school has graduated 281 doctors since 1941.

1,531 meals are served each day or 551,136 per year.

The daily food bill is around $555.55 and its takes 500 employees to keep the work of the hospital going each day.

Too often we leave the burden of the hospital to the nurses, doctors, and helpers. Let us not become so interested in our own surroundings, that we forget that God is the giver of every good gift, and may we thank Him for the gift of this institution, where healing of the mind, body, and soul go hand-in-hand.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. LEWIS PETREE

Remarks by Dr. W. K. McGee, Baptist Hospital, Winston-Salem, N. C.

Report unanimously adopted.

REPORT ON BAPTIST ORPHANGE

When the Baptist Orphanage is mentioned the words of the song "How Dear To My Heart" come to mind. There is no object in our State Convention dearer to the hearts of North Carolina Baptists than our Orphanages—the Mills Home and the Kennedy Home. Since the organization in 1885 thousands of homeless boys and girls have been cared for in these Homes. The number seems to increase each year. Ninety-three more were cared for in 1948 than the previous year. A few cottage is to be opened at Kennedy Home costing over sixty-six thousand dollars. Both Homes have new freezer lockers installed; necessary repairs have been made and the Orphanages have had to go into their reserve funds. This fact makes it imperative that we urge every Baptist Church in our Elkin Association to give the regular first Sunday offering of the Sunday School or an equivalent amount toward the support of our boys and girls. This steady income, together with the Thanksgiving offering, made up of one day's wages of each Baptist, will adequately support the approximately 800 boys and girls in our Orphanages. Charity and Children, jokingly called "Love and Young'uns" by the orphanage children, is a weekly pub-

lication to which each church should subscribe. Through it we are informed of all the phases of orphanage life.

Last year our Association contributed $1,905.10 in cash and $44.20 in produce to the Orphanages. We could give much more. Pray for the children and the workers.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. EARL C. JAMES

Remarks by Dr. Zeno Wall, Thomasville, N. C.

Report unanimously adopted.

REPORT ON AGED MINISTERS' RELIEF

"Many are called but few are chosen." These words are as true today as the day they were spoken. The "called may take time out to earn a living, and perhaps provide for the latter years; not so the chosen." They must give their time to the work of their Father. They have no time to provide for their daily need and less to prepare for that day when they shall cease to preach.

"The laborer is worthy of his hire." Do we believe this? Government employees are pensioned after years of service, social security takes care of the industrial worker when he retires.

Shall the Baptists of the world do less than they? When we shall provide for their declining years of our ministers who serve, and when we make no lines by race or nation or tongue then only shall ministers go forth with entire confidence.

"He has no hands but our hand to do his work today;" he has need of paying as as praying to carry on the gospel.

Have you doubted the need of this phase of our work?

May I earnestly request that you look about you for a minister whom you believe is of the "chosen of God," then follow him in his work, his ministry to the souls of men, his work with the sick and dying, his comforting help to the people in distress, and even his encouraging words to the flock. You will hear him praised and blamed with equal intensity. He will hide his hurt from our blame in that secret place where he will often go for strength.

The chosen of God are worthy of our help as they go, and when they shall cease to go they are worthy of our aid.

Let the Baptist resolve to give in the Father's name, and with deep appreciation for the work so faithfully performed.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. EUGENE PETTYJOHN

Remarks by Rev. Howard Ford

Report unanimously adopted.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS

We are living in the days when people are doing much reading. A great deal of the literature for sale it not suitable for anyone to read, especially our youth who are being lead astray by what they read.

With a dime or a quarter we can purchase a cheap, trashy novel that will poison the mind of the reader, or we can purchase of copy of some religious magazine that will provide inspiration and spiritual food for the mind.

Some religious cults are printing and distributing free to the public their literature which is confusing to the mind. It also has a trend to destroy the organized church; therefore, our churches should stress the importance of studying the Bible and reading good, wholesome literature.

For clean, inspirational reading, we have the Biblical Recorder, Charity and Children, Home Missions, and The Commission, and other christian magazines. We also have on sale at our Baptist Book Stores a number of books that are written by good, christian men and women.

When we read these books they inspire us to higher standards of living rather than cause confusion and loss of faith in God and the church.

If we would read the Bible more we would not have any desire to read the so-called "Trashy Literature."

We are taught in His Word to study (II Tim. 2:15), and by studying and searching the scriptures, we will be able to discern right from wrong and can be a "workman that needeth not to be ashamed."

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. ROSCOE WOOD

Remarks: Dr. C. C. Carpenter, Raleigh, N. C.

Report unanimously adopted.

REPORT ON THE AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY

The American Bible Society is a world-wide agency engaged in the publication of distribution of Bibles. These Bibles are published without note or comment. It is the policy of the Society to permit the Scriptures to speak for themselves in the language of the people.

The Society has translated and published parts of the Bible in 1,070 languages. The entire Bible has been published in 185 languages. The complete New Testament has been published in 237 languages. It is estimated that there are about 1,000 languages and dialects into which the Scriptures are yet to be translated.

The American Bible Society is a non-profit organization, whose sole purpose is to publish and distribute the Bible without note or comment. It is now the recognized agency of more than 40 denominations. Our own denomination has asked every Baptist Church to give some support to this worthy cause. The Society is very modest in its request for gifts. It has been suggested that country and village Churches give five dollars each year; small city Churches ten to twenty-five dollars each year;larger Churches twenty-five to fifty dollars each year; great City Churches, one hundred to two hundred dollars each year. In the light of the need we could wisely go the "second mile" in giving, in order that those in darkness may have the light of Christ.

Respectfully submitted,

HOWARD J. FORD

Report unanimously adopted.

REPORT ON WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

The Lord has richly blessed us as we have served Him through Woman's Missionary Union. We are grateful for the privilege of being "laborers together" with the Association as we all work and pray and give that the day may soon come when "at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow." We realize increasingly what a glorious privilege it is to "serve the Lord Christ" who is the answer for every need of this weary world.

Woman's Missionary Union has existed for the purpose of educating Southern Baptist women and young people to a fuller understanding of their responsibility to let their light shine at home and out to the ends of the earth; all have been encouraged to be missionaries in their own communities and to be participants in the great mission enterprise through their gifts. They have sought to follow Him who said, "I am the light of the world."

So many people still confuse the terms W.M.U. and W.M.S. For that reason I would like to take the time here to try to explain the difference. A W.M.S. is an organization for the women of a Baptist Church. A W.M.U. is a Woman's Mission Society, or W.M.S., plus one or more missionary organizations for young people fostered by the society.

With twenty churches in our association only eight of them have a missionary organization of any kind. Six of these have more than one organization.

If we are "to make known to the sons of men His mighty acts and the glorious majesty of His kingdom" we must have an efficient missionary society in every church to reach every woman for kingdom work.

It should be the aim of each society to see that every church around her has, at least, a W.M.S. and a Sunbeam Band.

The destiny of the world is wrapped up in the youth of today and they are in our care. What grave responsibility rests upon Woman's Missionary Union to give missionary education to the young people of our churches. It is they who must build a "better world of tomorrow" if it is to be, and they must build it with the tools and materials which we have placed in their hands.

Our W.M.U. Association is small but active. In the past year we contributed over $3,000, making a 10% increase over the year before. This amount does not include our special offerings for state, home, and foreign missions which amounted to over $1,000.

We are grateful to God for blessing our work so abundantly. We pray for His guidance as we claim His promise "Lo, I am with you always."

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. J. D. WYATT

Report unanimously adopted.

Rev. Clifford Vestal gave a very inspiring and enlightning report on missions.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOL

I. WHAT WE HAVE

1. According to the records of the Association, we have 8,876 church members with a total Sunday School en-

rollment of 4,621. Considering that a good portion of these enrolled are children and are not members of the Church, we have less than 50% of our people enrolled in Sunday School.

II. WHAT WE SHOULD HAVE

1. A live Sunday School in every Church in the Association.
2. An enrollment in Sunday School to equal the Church membership.

III. HOW CAN WE ACCOMPLISH THE ABOVE?

1. Realize the importance of reaching and teaching our people.
2. Organize our Sunday Schools to do the job.
3. Make the necessary efforts and sacrifices to meet the needs.

IV. WHO SHOULD ATTEND SUNDAY SCHOOL?

1. Every person from three years of age up, that is physically able.

V. WHO SHOULD BE ENROLLED IN SUNDAY SCHOOL?

1. Every person from birth, so long as they live, using the Cradle Roll and Extension Departments. Everybody should be enrolled in Sunday School. No exceptions.

VI. WHY SHOULD WE HAVE A SUNDAY SCHOOL IN EACH CHURCH (A LIVE ONE)?

1. The Sunday School is the Church in its teaching program.
2. There are many people that have no other Bible teaching.
3. Through the Sunday School there are more people won to Christ than any other way (especially Young People).
4. Very few people that attend Sunday School regularly that do not make good worthy citizens.

VII. "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."
2nd Timothy 2:15

Respectfully submitted,

L. F. WALKER

Remarks by L. H. Petree.

Report unanimously adopted.

The Association moved, seconded, and unimously adopted the election of the following representatives for the Association for the ensuing year:

Sunday Schools ..... L. H. Petree
Baptist Training Union ..... Rev. Howard J. Ford
Woman's Missionary Union ..... Mrs. Richard Martin
Wake Forest College ..... E. C. James
Baptist Orphanage ..... Mrs. Emily Holloway
Christian Education ..... Rev. J. C. Gwaltney
Baptist Hospital ..... J. Livingston Williams

The following were appointed to serve on the Program Committee for the ensuing year:

J. Livingston Williams, Chairman

Rev. J. L. Powers

Rev. Howard J. Ford

L. H. Petree

L. M. Cook

REPORT ON TIME, PLACE AND PREACHER

TIME: Thursday and Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1950 (two days).

PLACE: Thursday, Ronda Baptist Church, Ronda, N. C.; Friday, Mount Pleasant Church, State Road, N. C.

PREACHERS: Rev. Howard J. Ford, Rev. E. G. Jordan.

ALTERNATES: Rev. Clete Simmons, Rev. Clifford Vestal.

REPORT ON RESOLUTIONS

We, your Committee on Resolutions, express our sincere appreciation to the members of the Mineral Springs Baptist Church, and especially to the ladies of the Church, for their delightful hospitality so graciously extended.

MRS. WILLIAM T. ROTH

MRS. G. W. CREED

MRS. J. D. WYATT

Song: "God Be With You 'Til We Meet Again."

Benediction: Dr. Zeno Wall

Adjournment.

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS

ARVIL ALEXANDER ..... Elkin, N. C.
MARVIN BURCHAM ..... Route 2, North Wilkesboro, N. C.
R. A. CALL ..... Roaring River, N. C.
C. C. COCKERHAM ..... Roaring River, N. C.
L. M. COOK ..... Ronda, N. C.
R. R. CRATER ..... Ronda, N. C.
J. T. CARLETON ..... Elkin, N. C.
IVORY COUCH ..... Elkin, N. C.
G. C. COOPER ..... Elkin, N. C.
DAVID W. DAY ..... Elkin, N. C.
RICHARD DAY ..... Elkin, N. C.
E. M. ELDRIDGE ..... Elkin, N. C.
HOWARD J. FORD ..... Elkin, N. C.
ROY FRANKLIN ..... Hays, N. C.
CLARENCE GWALTNEY ..... Elkin, N. C.
E. G. JORDAN ..... Elkin, N. C.
LUTHER JOHNSON ..... Ronda, N. C.
JOEL JOHNSON ..... Jonesville, N. C.
JOHN L. LUFFMAN ..... Ronda, N. C.
J. MARTIN LUFFMAN ..... Ronda, N. C.

T. M. LUFFMAN ..... Jonesville, N. C.
W. B. LUFFMAN ..... North Wilkesboro, N. C.
GLENN MENDENHALL ..... Jonesville, N. C.
LEVI McCANN ..... Roaring River, N. C.
GILBERT OSBORNE ..... Jonesville, N. C.
LLOYD PARDUE ..... Elkin, N. C.
J. L. POWERS ..... Elkin, N. C.
GAN PRUITT ..... Elkin, N. C.
CHARLES RICHARDSON ..... Ronda, N. C.
CLETE SIMMONS ..... Jonesville, N. C.
FLOYD STANLEY ..... Elkin, N. C.
GROVER TILLEY ..... Elkin, N. C.
CLIFFORD VESTAL ..... Cycle, N. C.
GEORGE M. WALTERS ..... Elkin, N. C.
JOHN WEATHERMAN ..... State Road, N. C.
SHERMAN WEATHERMAN ..... Jonesville, N. C.
J. D. WYATT ..... State Road, N. C.

CONSTITUTION

1. This Association shall be known as the Elkin Baptist Association, and shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches; each church being entitled to three delegates, and all regular ordained ministers as members ex officia.

2. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's Kingdom upon earth.

3. The delegates thus selected should bear from each respective church a letter certifying their appointments, and communicating information relative to the state of the church and interest thereof.

4. The Association just formed shall elect, by ballot, a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall continue in office for one year, and until others are chosen. The last two offices may be held by the same individual.

5. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside at meetings of business; to keep order during each session; to decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the house by any member and to perform all other duties pertaining to his office.

6. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a faithful and correct record of all the proceedings of each session of the Association and keep a minute of each session and to perform other duties assigned to him by the Association.

7. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to keep a correct record of all the funds coming into the hands and report the same at the order of the Association.

8. There shall be a Committee of Arrangements consisting of five members, besides the Moderator and Clerk.

9. All letters or grievances or queries, together with all letters from corresponding associations requiring any attention thereon, shall be submitted to the Committee on Arrangements and reported back to the Association.

10. This body shall have no coersive power to exercise lordship over God's heritage, but shall only be considered as advisory council in all matters respecting the internal regulation of the churches.

11. When an offense may have been committeed by one church against the other, or when a series of difficulties may have arisen in an individual church, it shall be the duty of the Association (after due labors have been had between the offending and offended churches, or an individual church, as the case may be) to take the matter into consideration and advise upon it.

12. The Association shall not maintain permanent fellowship towards any of her churches which neglect to institute and preserve Gospel order among her members, nor any of her churches or ministers that treat her constitution with contempt; but shall sustain with all her influence, such as promote Gospel principles and order.

13. It shall be the province of this Association to invite visiting and corresponding brethren to seats, who shall be entitled to speak on any point under discussion, but not to vote.

14. The Association shall be in all cases, (except in matters pertaining to the constitution) be governed by a majority of the members present, and shall not adjourn until they have gone through the business of the Association, except in extraordinary cases.

15. Each church having an ordained or licensed minister shall report the same to the Association in order that they may appear as such in the face of the minutes.

16. The Association shall furnish the churches with the minutes of her proceedings; and it shall be the duty of the churches to enable her to do so.

17. The Association shall have a fund, created and sustained by voluntary contributions from the churches, which shall be held by the treasurer and subject to the disposition of a majority of the Association present at any annual session.

18. The Association shall hold an annual meeting at such time and place as the body may from time to time designate.

19. By appointment of the Association there may be an Introductory, Missionary and Denominational sermon preached each annual session.

20. This Constitution may be altered or amended at any time, two thirds of the members present concurring.

21. The benevolent institutions of the day shall be no bar or test of fellowship, but all shall be free to sustain or not sustain as they choose.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2. The letters from the churches shall be read and the names of the delegates enrolled.

3. A Moderator and Clerk chosen by a majority of the members present.

4. Only one member shall speak at a time who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator; and while speaking shall not be interrupted by any member, except the Moderator.

5. The members speaking shall strictly adhere to the subject, and use no words calculated to irritate.

6. No member shall abruptly break off or absent himself without leave of the Association.

7. No member shall speak more than three times upon on subject without leave of the Association.

8. No member shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of the Association, nor whispering in time of public speech.

9. No member of the Association shall address another in any other appellation than that of brother.

10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member or prohibit him from speaking till he gives his light on the subject, unless he breaks this decorum.

11. The names of the several members of the Association shall be called by the Clerk as often as the Association requires.

12. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privileges as any other member, provided his seat be filled; and he shall have no vote, unless the Association be equally divided.

13. Queries presented by churches shall be attended to by the Association.

14. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

15. Any member who shall willingly and knowingly break any of these rules shall be reproved by the Association, as they shall think proper.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in only one true and living God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost and these three are one.

2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the words of God, and the only rules of Faith and Practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of Election by grace.

4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin, and in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature by his own free will or ability.

5. We believe that sinners are called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit and that all who are thus regenerated are born again by the Spirit of God, shall never fall finally away.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.

7. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only subjects of those ordinances; and we believe that the only true mode of Baptism is by immersion.

8. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment, and that the joys of righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

9. We believe that no minister has the right to administer the ordinances of the Gospel, except such as are regularly called, and come under the imposition of hands by the Presbytery.

OUR DEPARTED ONES

COOL SPRINGS
Mr. Dan Wagoner

EAST ELKIN
Rev. Floyd W. Frye

ELKIN FIRST
Mrs. Fannie Salmons

ELKIN VALLEY
Mr. Luther Darnell

MACEDONIA
Mr. E. R. Durham

PLEASANT HILL
Mr. Roma Newman
Mrs. Sallie Gentry
Mr. Jerry Blane (J. B.) Burchette

PLEASANT HOME
Mr. J. L. Eller

POPLAR SPRINGS
Mr. A. L. Davis

ROCK CREEK
Mrs. Zelda Bowen
Mrs. Etta Baldwin
Mrs. Mary Porter
Mr. Will Brewer
Mr. John Blackburn

RONDA
Mrs. D. C. Mathis
Mr. A. M. Blackburn (Deacon)

WEST ELKIN
Mr. Jesse Adams

WHITE PLAINS
Mrs. Will Combs
Mr. R. W. Alexander
Mr. J. A. Truitt.

TABLE I. CHURCH AND MEMBERSHIP

CHURCHES	Location OC-V-T-C	Date Organized	Dates of Meeting	PASTORS AND ADDRESSES	Baptisms	Letters and other additions	Loss by Death	Total Losses	Total Resident Members	Total Non-Res. Members	Grand Total Present Members	Revival Meetings Held	Number Tithers
Bessie's Chapel	OC	1935	4th Sunday	L. M. Cook, Ronda	.....	.....	1	1	49	14	63	2	.....
Center	OC	1839	3rd Sunday	Grover Tilley, Elkin	.....	5	.....	2	43	21	64	2	.....
Cool Springs	OC	1805	2nd Sunday	Marvin Burcham, Elkin	10	2	1	13	250	10	260	2	.....
East Elkin	T	1921	1 and 3	E. G. Jordan, Elkin	1	2	1	11	88	136	224	2	.....
Elkin First	T	1889	Full	Howard J. Ford, Elkin	17	21	1	24	512	100	612	1	.....
Elkin Valley	V	1914	Full	J. C. Gwaltney, Elkin	47	25	1	18	531	8	539	2	36
Little Elkin	OC	1905	2 and 4	Roy Franklin, Hayes	11	6	.....	6	155	74	229	2	.....
Macedonia	OC	1876	1 and 3	C. C. Cockerham, Ronda	13	9	1	9	179	55	234	2	.....
Mineral Springs	T	1940	Full	Clifford Vestal, Jonesville	51	34	.....	3	249	.....	249	2	34
Mt. Pleasant	V	1887	Full	J. D. Wyatt, State Road	9	4	.....	12	71	54	125	2	11
Oak Grove	OC	1946	1 and 3	Gilbert Osborne, N. Wilkesboro	6	11	.....	.....	74	.....	74	1	2
Pleasant Hill	V	1897	Full	David W. Day, Elkin	14	20	3	22	565	42	608	2	40
Pleasant Home	OC	1878	4th Sunday	Marvin Burcham, Elkin	12	1	1	5	234	.....	234	2	.....
Poplar Springs	OC	1889	1 and 3	Clete W. Simmons, Jonesville	21	2	1	8	159	61	220	1	2
Rock Creek	OC	1849	2 and 4	L. M. Cook, Ronda	3	15	5	19	190	90	280	2	6
Ronda	T	1893	1 and 3	L. M. Cook, Ronda	1	4	2	14	125	60	185	2	50
Shoaley Branch	OC	1894	1 and 3	Marvin Burcham, Elkin	.....	.....	.....	.....	128	.....	128	1	.....
Union Hill	OC	1948	1 and 3	George M. Walters, Elkin	14	8	.....	.....	52	.....	52	2	3
West Elkin	T	1940	2 and 4	Grover Tilley, Elkin	7	6	1	14	68	25	93	2	.....
White Plains	OC	1860	1 and 3	R. A. Call, Wilkesboro	10	1	3	9	150	35	185	1	.....
Maple Springs	OC	1943	2nd Sunday	John Luffman, Ronda	.....	.....	.....	.....	40	5	45	1	.....
TOTALS					247	176	22	190	3,912	790	4,703	32	184

TABLE II — THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

CHURCHES	Sunday School Supreintendents and Addresses	Cradle Roll	Nursery	Beginners	Primaries	Juniors	Intermediates	Young People	Adults	Extension Department	Officers Not Counted Classes and Departments	Grand Total Sunday School Enrollment	Average Attendance	Vacation Bible School Enrollment	Averiage Attendance
Bessie's Chapel	B. T. Southard, Elkin			13		15	12	24	36			100	70		
Center	Sam Spicer, Thurmond			25			25		30			80	60	56	42
Cool Springs	R. C. Harris, Elkin				27	29	25	28	54		9	172	96	91	66
East Elkin	L. H. Henderson, Elkin			15	13	18	16	18	28		2	110	71	39	28
Elkin First	Cortez Lowery, Elkin		31	41	46	40	39	66	212	65	4	544	310	143	128
Elkin Valley	Carl M. Harpe, Elkin		15	35	45	45	60	125	125		3	453	223	121	109
Little Elkin	Robert E. Key, Ronda			32		20		40	40			132	96		
Macedonia	Ralph Tharpe, Ronda			14	15	18	26	14	53		2	142	68		
Mineral Springs	D. G. Reece, Jonesville			30	42	20	40	51	61		3	247	178	101	95
Mt. Pleasant	W. A. Walters, State Road	3	4	16	14	9	20	13	67	5	13	164	89	108	86
Oak Grove	G. C. Tharpe, N. Wilkesboro		10	8	10	15	23	8	35		6	115	80	80	57
Pleasant Hill	L. H. Petree, Ronda		47	19	47	64	68	123	152		4	524	378	224	200
Pleasant Home	J. H. Johnson, Ronda			20		24	24	28	55			151	80		
Poplar Springs	R. W. Gentry, State Road			20	35	42	30	30	54			217	133		
Rock Creek	Dewey Combs, Elkin			10	25	35	15	18	43			146	78	56	46
Ronda	Colin Pardue, Ronda			15	18	19	13	20	35			120	96	42	38
Shoaley Branch	O. H. Gentry, Elkin			10		14	15		23		4	66	50		
Union Hill	Grady Money, Thurmond			10		11	23		21			65	40		
West Elkin	Harvey Wooten, Elkin		26		14	9	14	28	13			104	65	58	54
White Plains	Walter Bryant, Roaring River				18	22	26	24	24		10	124	92	60	58
TOTALS		3	133	333	370	469	514	658	1,161	70	60	3,776	3,353	1,179	1,007

TABLE III — TRAINING UNION

CHURCHES	TRAINING UNION DIRECTORS AND ADDRESSES	Number Story Hours	Number Junior Unions	No. Intermediate Unions	No. Young Peoples Unions	No. Adult Unions	Grand Total Unions	Story Hour Enrolled	Junior Enrolled	Intermediate Enrolled	Young People Enrolled	Adult Enrolled	Gen. Officers Enrolled	Grand Total Enrolled	Average Attendance
Cool Springs	Worth Wishon, Elkin	..	1	.....	1	1	3	.....	36	.....	35	30	.....	101	53
East Elkin	Burrus Grey, Jonesville	..	1	1	1	1	4	.....	18	15	15	17	2	67	28
Elkin First	Fred Eidson, Elkin	..	1	1	1	1	4	.....	14	17	15	16	3	65	43
Elkin Valley	Lee Ray Hayes, Elkin	..	1	1	1	1	4	.....	20	32	10	8	10	80	45
Macedonia	Marjorie Key, Ronda	1	1	1	.....	1	4	13	17	22	.....	14	1	67	22
Mineral Springs	Margie Shores, Jonesville	1	1	1	.....	1	4	6	10	30	.....	20	.....	66	54
Mt. Pleasant	Joseph Ball, State Road	1	1	.....	.....	1	3	10	20	.....	.....	19	2	51	40
Pleasant Hill	Evelyn Myers, Elkin	1	1	.....	1	1	4	20	31	.....	53	27	4	135	75
TOTALS		4	8	5	5	8	30	49	166	116	128	151	22	632	360

TABLE IV — WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

CHURCHES	PRESIDENTS OF W. M. S. AND ADDRESSES	W.M.S. Units	Y. W. A. Units	G. A. Units	R. A. Units	Sunbeam Units	Total Units	W. M. S. Enrolled	Y. W. A. Enrolled	G. A. Enrolled	R. A. Enrolled	Sunbeam Enrolled	Total Enrolled	Enrolled in Mission Study	Total Tithers
East Elkin	Mrs. G. W. Creed, Elkin	1	.....	1	.....	1	3	14	.....	12	.....	22	48	.....	5
Elkin First	Mrs. C. N. Myers, Elkin	1	1	2	1	1	6	191	15	25	21	20	272	82	66
Elkin Valley	Mrs. Robert Transou, Elkin	1	1	2	1	.....	5	37	19	29	10	.....	95	.....	18
Mineral Springs	Mrs. Ruby Vestal, Jonesville	1	.....	1	.....	.....	2	33	.....	17	.....	.....	50	15	14
Mt. Pleasant	Mrs. Wm. A. Walters, State Road	1	1	1	.....	.....	3	16	10	8	.....	.....	34	.....	.....
Poplar Springs	Mrs. Bertha Newman, State Road	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	17	.....	.....	.....	.....	17	.....	.....
Rock Creek	Mrs. Eugene Sebastian, N. Wilkesboro	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	12	12	6
Ronda	Mrs. David Byrd, Ronda	1	1	.....	.....	.....	2	15	17	.....	.....	.....	32	.....	.....
TOTALS		8	4	7	2	2	23	335	61	91	31	42	560	109	109

TABLE V — GIFTS FOR LOCAL WORK OF CHURCH

CHURCHES	TREASURERS AND ADDRESSES	Pastor's Salary Paid for Year	Janitor, Fuel, Repairs, Insurance, Etc.	Ass't. Pastor, Ed. Director, Choir Leader	Paid on Church Dept Out of Current Funds, New Buildings	Literature, Quarterlies, Song Books, Etc.	Local Mission and Benevolences	Revival Expense and Pastoral Supply	Other Objects	Total Local Expenditures
Bessie's Chapel	Gaither Wall, Elkin	311.77	72.00			77.66		77.79	1,202.77	1,741.99
Center	Bahnson Spicer, Thurmond	145.62	57.00			49.57		71.14	21.00	344.33
Cool Springs	R. C. Harris, Elkin	706.82	660.00	110.00		75.00	117.75	162.03	150.00	1,981.60
East Elkin	Mrs. Glenn Cooke, Elkin	1,100.00		145.00		125.16	37.30	205.07	301.15	1,913.68
Elkin First	T. L. Parnell, Elkin	4,500.00	1,147.28	2,350.00	16,605.95	816.55	65.57	290.00	965.60	26,740.95
Elkin Valley	Miss Reba Johnson, Elkin	2,985.56	983.60	387.43	1,500.00	426.13	941.45	341.88	2,444.88	10,010.93
Little Elkin	Colon E. Walls, Ronda	1,000.95			8,990.93	79.28	25.55	184.00	190.80	10,565.56
Macedonia	Mrs. Grady Dimmette, Ronda	402.68	180.00			178.16	12.05	113.97	267.89	1,154.75
Mineral Springs	Charles Castevens, Jonesville	2,812.13	32.00	360.00	1,021.89	293.76	44.72	92.51	2,142.02	6,799.03
Mt. Pleasant	J. Ralph Gentry	2,600.00	965.53	104.00	747.00	209.65	24.00	298.71		4,948.89
Oak Grove	G. C. Tharpe, N. Wilkesboro	260.07		90.00	6,122.93	57.28		51.60	13.00	6,594.88
Pleasant Hill	E. F. Yarborough, Elkin	3,208.00	1,753.25	3,220.00		443.10	2,444.86	358.62	1,883.38	13,311.21
Pleasant Home	R. B. Edwards, Roaring River	300.00		36.00				118.32		
Poplar Springs	Ike Nance, State Road	888.71	295.24	144.00		161.79		173.63	289.85	1,953.22
Rock Creek	Mrs. Roscoe Wood, N. Wilkesboro	589.92			1,525.23	117.35	119.34	51.00	220.72	2,623.56
Ronda	E. D. Byrd, Ronda	601.00	222.93	133.16	620.25	145.60		241.25	393.25	2,357.44
Shoaley Branch	James A. Martin, Elkin	440.63	107.00		2,300.00	56.00		169.63		3,073.26
Union Hill	Mrs. Margaret Kennedy, Thurmond	264.67	270.23	53.00	500.00	46.31	28.70	75.74	235.60	1,474.25
West Elkin	Roby Durham, Elkin	300.00	1,023.44	85.00	855.00	77.40	25.00	200.00		2,565.84
White Plains	Paul Byrd, Roaring River	409.35			900.00	75.00	80.00	76.00		1,520.35
TOTALS		23,827.88	7,769.50	7,217.59	35,689.18	3,510.75	3,966.29	3,352.89	10,721.91	101,675.72

TABLE VI — GIFTS FOR ALL MISSIONS, EDUCATION, ORPHANAGES, ETC.

CHURCHES	CLERKS OF CHURCHES AND ADDRESSES	Co-operative Program (or Unified Budget)	Associational Missions	Designated State Missions	Designated Home Missions	Designated Foreign Missions	Schools, Colleges, and Seminaries	Orphanage, Total Gifts	Designated to Hospitals, Relief and Annuity	Other Objects	Total Gifts for Missions	Grand Total for All Purposes
Bessie's Chapel	Dewitt Collins, Elkin							52.50	11.67		63.17	1,805.16
Center	Miss Bonnie Spicer, Thurmond			4.31				11.68	8.00	19.00	42.99	387.32
Cool Springs	Eugene Pettyjohn, Elkin	36.67					10.00	144.00	30.00	98.10	318.77	2,300.37
East Elkin	Mason Burcham, Elkin	6.19		54.00	37.16			10.50	21.46	5.00	134.31	2,047.99
Elkin First	Miss Hazel Byrd, Elkin	5,750.66	10.00		48.00		930.00	600.00	237.38	577.54	8,153.58	34,894.53
Elkin Valley	G. C. Cooper, Elkin	698.28			41.32	94.84		404.56	100.00	130.00	1,469.00	11,479.93
Little Elkin	Colon E. Walls, Ronda											10,565.56
Macedonia	E. F. Edwards, Ronda	210.49		15.82	4.89	10.40	52.63	102.42	29.87	35.85	462.37	1,617.12
Mineral Springs	Mike Case, Jonesville	50.00		90.63	145.33	75.00		93.60			454.56	7,253.59
Mt. Pleasant	Mrs. Minnie L. Donovan, State Rd.	57.00		28.56	17.00	149.74	100.00	50.00	50.00	18.90	471.20	5,420.09
Oak Grove	G. C. Tharpe, N. Wilkesboro			2.00			60.00	87.27	15.67		164.94	6,759.82
Pleasant Hill	Joe Cockerham, Elkin	111.18		25.35	15.00	16.05		423.88	174.50	47.00	812.96	14,124.17
Pleasant Home	J. F. Darnell, Roaring River							21.23			21.23	475.55
Poplar Springs	J. W. Gentry, State Road				48.35			169.30	21.00		238.65	2,191.87
Rock Creek	Mrs. Roscoe Wood, N. Wilkesboro	8.24	5.00	18.90	8.80	30.00	10.00	28.52	15.00	3.50	127.96	2,751.52
Ronda	Mrs. Richard Martin, Ronda	47.55		13.65	8.00	12.00		30.00	40.00	164.23	315.43	2,672.87
Shoaley Branch	James A. Martin, Elkin							63.16	5.00		68.16	3,141.42
Union Hill	Doris Brooks, Thurmond							43.15	30.00		73.15	1,547.40
West Elkin	Glenn Stimpson, Elkin			7.00	3.18				17.53		27.71	2,593.55
White Plains	Paul Byrd, Roaring River							25.00	25.20		50.20	1,570.55
TOTALS		6,976.26	15.00	260.22	377.03	388.03	1,162.63	2,360.77	832.28	1,099.12	13,470.34	115,600.38

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AND

Mount Pleasant Baptist Church

STATE ROAD, N. C.

September 28th and 29th, 1950

J. L. POWERS, Moderator ..... Elkin, N. C.

J. LIVINGSTON WILLIAMS, Clerk .... Elkin, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS

(1) On September 28, 1950, at 10:00 a. m., the Elkin Baptist Association convened in the Seventy-Second Annual Session with the Ronda Baptist Church, Ronda, N. C. The second day of the Association convened with the Mount Pleasant Baptist Church at 10:00 a. m., September 29, 1950.

(2) J. L. Powers, Moderator, opened the Seventy-Second Annual convening of the Association with song and prayer.

(3) Immediately after convening the Association the Moderator recognized the visitors who were present.

(4) Church letters were then called for by the Moderator. All the churches in the Association except one presented their letters and the delegates were seated.

Upon motion made, seconded, and carried, the following officers were elected to serve for the ensuing year:

Rev. J. L. Powers, Elkin, N. C. ..... Moderator

Mr. E. C. James, Elkin, N. C. ..... Assistant Moderator

Mr. J. Livingston Williams, Elkin, N. C. ..... Clerk

Mr. L. F. Walker, Elkin, N. C. ..... Assistant Clerk

REPORT ON EVANGELISM

Evangelism is the first and great aim of the Baptist Church. Evangelize at home and abroad. It is a positive and direct command of our risen Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Matt. 28: 19-20, Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always even unto the end of the world.

Again: Mark 16: 15-16, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

We also read in Acts 1:8, Ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and all Judaea, and Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

We feel, your committee, that the time has come for Southern Baptists to increase and strengthen our witnessing for Jesus in our own Jerusalem (our local church). Let us look forward with anticipation to the coming of that great crusade, the "SIMULTANEOUS REVIVAL" March 25 to April 8, 1951, when the 18,523 Baptist Churches East of the Mississippi River will engage in two full weeks of evangelistic praying, preaching, and soul-winning simultaneously.

This great christian crusade offers the people of the Southern Baptist Churches the greatest opportunity to witness for Jesus in the local church, and to strengthen the home front we have ever had. Let us approach it praying.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID W. DAY

Remarks: Rev. J. C. Canipe rendered a very inspiring talk on Evangelism. He stressed world needs for brotherhood in this atomic age that we are living in.

At the twelve o'clock hour Rev. Howard J. Ford delivered the Associational sermon.

After the sermon, benediction was rendered and the Association adjourned for lunch.

At 1:30 p. m. Devotional was led by Rev. Clifford Vestal.

REPORT ON BAPTIST HOSPITAL

Because of the remarkable service rendered by the Baptist Hospital to the sick in our state, the North Carolina Baptists have ample reason to praise their Heavenly Father. Thousands have found in the hospital a haven of hope for their sick and maimed bodies. Through this channel of service, the Baptists of this state are endeavoring to carry out the healing ministry of the Lord Jesus.

Last year 9,700 patients were cared for at the hospital and 90,000 visits were made to clinics for examinations and treatments. About one-half of these were persons with little or no money; nevertheless, they were given free service by the doctors, and were given additional financial assistance with the cost of the service received.

The free service could only be granted because of the Duke Endowment, gifts from various health and welfare agencies, gifts from interested individuals and the annual Mother's Day Offering—which last year amounted to $128,900. Regardless of the total amount of $312,500 given by the stated contributors to provide for free service, many more who desired financial assistance were deprived of it because the hospital yet lacked sufficient funds.

The School of Nursing is admitting one of the largest classes in its history. Applications were far greater than could be accommodated. The Medical School has completed one of its best years.

As the Department of Religion continues to grow, it is becoming more and more a vital part of the life and work of the hospital. The members of this department, by their TEACHING ministry, hold Sunday School classes, student nurses classes, and clinical pastoral training classes; by their PREACHING ministry, hold needed weekly services for doctors, nurses, and medical students; by their REACHING ministry, they contact the patients with the gospel, thereby many through this department have made professions of faith and have rededicated their lives to Christ. Thus, the hospital truly becomes a genuinely Christian institution of healing and teaching.

According to reports now at hand, the outlook is good that the North Carolina Baptists shall raise the needed amount of $700,000. for the wing providing 150 new beds.

Surely the blessings of the Lord are upon this great institution.

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. GUTH

Dr. W. K. McGee of the North Carolina Baptist Hospital at Winston-Salem, N. C., spoke of the report and explained the great work that is being carried on by our Baptist Hospital at Winston-Salem.

ORPHANAGE REPORT

When speaking of our Orphanage my mind always presents to me a mental picture of happy, contented, healthy, busy children. How we should rejoice, and give thinks to God for watching over our

children at the Home, and for laying the burden on our hearts to see that this great work is carried forward.

Many changes have taken place at the orphanage this year, but we feel fortunate in securing good workers to replace those who have been tireless, and safe leaders.

In 1949 the Orphanage announced they had spent $56,000 more than was received. This money was used to repair old buildings, and build new ones. We asked that you give more, and you did. In fact you gave $32,000 more than was spent.

The R. M. Idol Estate gave $586,000 to be used for buildings at Mills Home, and these should be started by Fall.

Last year 781 children were cared for; 14 graduated from Mills Home and 5 from Kennedy Home; 70 were baptized by our pastor there, and good spiritual work was also done at Kennedy Home.

With a glorious history back of us; a big building program ahead of us; a new General Superintendent, and workers coming to us; a faithful and experienced band of old workers remaining with us, and scores and scores of homeless children calling to us for shelter and guidance, may we hear that call, and help these children that are trying so hard to help themselves.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. LEWIS PETREE

There was a representative from the Orphanage at Thomasville who spoke of the report on the Orphanage.

The Association was pleased to present Dr. Blackwelder, President of Mars Hill College, in the afternoon and was inspired with the address that Dr. Blackwelder delivered pertaining to Christian Education.

The Moderator adjourned the Association for the first day's session.

On September 29 at 10:00 a. m., the Association was called to order by Rev. J. L. Powers, the Moderator.

The Devotional for the second day's session was led by Rev. J. D. Wyatt, Pastor of the Mount Pleasant Church.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS

The young people of our land have an appetite for reading as never before, and through this reading they begin at an early age to shape and mould their character, hence we cannot be too careful in the selection of reading matter that comes into our homes.

Since the country is flooded with so much that is worthless, even ruinous, we cannot too strongly urge our people to be constant Bible readers and we recommend reading of the Biblical Recorder and Charity and Children.

In this enlightened day the printing press is the greatest agency for the distribution of information to all mankind, and through this channel our people should be informed of our denominational needs, and take knowledge of our opportunities to do greater service in the Kingdom work.

Our preparation can be made through prayerful study of the Bible, the best in literature and our denominational papers.

Respectfully submitted,

ERNEST WALLS

Dr. L. L. Carpenter spoke on the report on Periodicals and rendered a very inspiring message. He brought the Association up to date on what the Baptists are doing in North Carolina with reference to the publication of the Biblical Recorder and other Christian magazines in the State.

Mr. Marse Grant also spoke on periodicals and was well received by the Association.

REPORT ON AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY

The world must have the Bible—NOW! If the people of the world are to know Christ — the one hope of men and nations — they must have the Bible in their own native tongue if the Word of God is to speak to his heart. In some parts of the world the income of the people is so low they cannot afford the cost of the scriptures. Some one must translate the Bible into different languages; someone must bear the cost of the printing and someone must distribute them to the people. The American Bible Society, a missionary non-profit organization serves as that Someone.

In today's uneasy peace — so uneasy that we are again in a struggle of war — our hearts are gripped by fear that we will not be able to control the distructive forces set loose by our own inventive genius and we are facing the fact that the Bible presents the only real answer to the needs of men and nations. With this new threat of a third World War the need for an immediate distribution of Bibles is greater than it was only a few short months ago. So we see a race against time. Today's hungry hearted eagerness for the Word of God may not last indefinitely; opposing forces are at work.

The German and Japanese people are turning to the Bible as never before and only the minimum needs have been met. Many other war-torn countries are sending requests for more Bibles. Most of the millions of people around the world who are earnestly asking for Bibles cannot possibly have them without our help. The American Bible Society is the only agency equipped to supply the needed Scriptures on a world wide scale. The Christian people of America are the only ones who can supply the needed money. Southern Baptists can be counted on to do their share, therefore the help of our own churches is urgently needed now.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. IRVIN KEY

Rev. J. D. Wyatt spoke on the report on the American Bible Society.

REPORT ON WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

"For ye serve the Lord Christ." Truly Woman's Missionary Union and can claim no greater work than this. As we think of this work so great and compare this number with those that are not numbered with us, we see and feel the need of enlisting other Churches, other unions and other women. Our aim is to stimulate a Missionary spirit with the women and young people in giving to missions. We know of no greater service to give our time, our prayers and our money. We know of no other joy, peace, and satisfaction to fill our hearts and minds. We know of no better way to win lost souls to Christ. Not only do we have the privilege of helping those about us but those in far away countries.

It has been said that where a Woman's Missionary Union was

in the Church the Pastor could rely on them for some of the work that he himself would have to do. Our work has a great meaning to us. "For ye serve the Lord Christ."

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. RICHARD MARTIN

Mrs. E. C. James, who is an ardent and faithful worker in the Woman's Missionary Union gave a very fine talk on the work and the endeavors of the Woman's Missionary Union. Mrs. James' message was received by the Association with pride in the work that is being carried on by the women of the Association in this field.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

Your Associational Superintendent has visited all the Churches in the Elkin Association. We have held three meetings; one at Ronda, one at Poplar Springs, and one at West Elkin. In these meetings we have had nine Pastors, sixteen Superintendents, ninety-six Sunday School workers and nine visitors, making a total of 130.

I have enjoyed the fellowship with the leaders, and workers, of all the Churches, and have found much good accomplished, and a large field ready for willing workers.

Those of you that know the worth of prayer, please pray for this field of work.

Respectfully submitted,

L. H. PETREE

Rev. E. G. Jordan, one of our local ministers, delivered the Associational sermon for the second day of the Association, and after the sermon the Moderator adjourned the Association for lunch, which was served on the grounds.

The afternoon session of the second day was opened with a devotional.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it. (Proverbs 22:6).

We believe the home and the Church the most important source of christian training. Then what a challenge and responsibility is ours.

The Psalmist was in a mood of great rejoicing when he said, "Thou has set my feet in a large room." (Psalm 31:8). How much has the Lord longed to give each of us greater advantages, to set us into "a large room" of Christian Education!

The Southern Baptists are displaying renewed and increasing interest in Christian Education. They are building and supporting Baptist Colleges and Schools as never before. Rapid strides are being made in the direction of co-ordination of efforts, increased efficiency, and financial stabilization. A large realm of education will promote a larger field of usefulness for our students as they leave our Baptist Colleges and return to their community to take up the work they select or can secure. The Baptists have seven fine colleges with a total of 5,000 students, by actual count, more of 4,000 of these students are members of Baptist Churches. What we do for these 4,000 students now will determine the kind of colleges we will have 25 years from now. The colleges they now attend is

the result of what you, as parents, and we, their friends, have made for them. It is our responsibility to see that every thing possible is done to make these colleges what they should be as the training center for our leaders.

We want to commend our schools for the splendid work they have contributed in the field of Christian Education.

We are happy to say the Elkin Association has a fine representation in our Baptist Colleges.

As pastors, teachers and christian workers, may we keep these three points in mind:

1. May we determine to reinforce our schools financially.

2. Lead the Young People to realize the value of Christian Education.

3. Accept our responsibility prayerfully, plan courageously, work diligently, exercise faith in God and never falter.

Respectfully submitted,

(MISS) EVELYN MYERS

Mr. Claude Gaddy of Raleigh was one of the highlights of the Association. He calls himself a farmer and horse trader. He rendered a very inspiring message to the Association.

MEMORIAL TO DEPARTED MEMBERS

As memory reverts to the days and scenes of the past, we recall the names and faces of those with whom we used to associate, at home and church; many of those voices which gladdened our hearts in the happy days, of our association, have been hushed in the silence of death.

Death ends the old relations and surrounds with new ones. The eyes close on earthly scenes, the ears die to earthy sound, and the hands are folded from earthly toil, and in that disembodied state we step upon a new shore, surrounded by new conditions. The less of this life the more of heaven; the shorter time, the longer immortality.

Respectfully submitted,

REV. L. M. COOKE

REPORT ON TRAINING UNION

Most of the churches in our Association have an active Training Union Program. The Churches are beginning to realize that one of the strongest pillars in their organization is the Training Union Department. In Proverbs 22: we are told to train up the children in the way they should go, and surely the Training Union Department has an excellent opportunity to train, not only the children but the adults as well. From our observation of the work which is being carried on in this field it is the adult's part which is lagging. We often hear the expression, "The younger generation is going to the dogs," but I'm persuaded to believe they will go where the older generation leads them. Our future depends on the way in which we lead our young people because the young people of today are our citizens of tomorrow.

The public schools in our association are to be commended for the worthy part they are contributing toward the Spiritual development of the students. A group of churches in our association

have sponsored the teaching of the Bible in some of our public schools to the extent that a Bible teacher's salary was financed by them.

It is through trained spiritual leadership that our churches will make progress. We, therefore, recommend that the church as a whole rally behind the efforts of the Training Union Department and its leaders and that the Association make plans to organize a Training Union in every church in this association which does not have one.

Respectfully submitted,

DENVER HOLCOMB

Rev. Howard J. Ford spoke on the report of the Training Union.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TIME, PLACE AND PREACHERS

Time: Thursday and Friday before the First Sunday in September, 1951.

Place: Thursday — White Plains Church, Roaring River, N. C.; Friday — Bessie's Chapel, Elkin, N. C., Route 1.

Preachers: Rev. W. C. Guth at White Plains; Rev. L. M. Cooke at Bessie's Chapel.

Alternates: Rev. Clifford Vestal, White Plains, Rev. E. G. Jordan, White Plains, Rev. Gilbert Osborne, Bessie's Chapel, Rev. David W. Day, Bessie's Chapel.

REPORT ON HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS

Advance has been the keynote of the Foreign Mission Boards program during 1949 and 1950, both at home and abroad.

To begin with the advance program was only concerned with foreign missions but now embraces all the causes represented in the cooperative program.

There was an estimated report of 15,000 baptisms in 1949 from all areas in foreign mission fields.

The boards total receipts for the year was $5,319,261.04.

There were 67 additional missionaries appointed in 1949 which still makes just a little over 700.

The greatest advance was in Japan where we now have 40 missionaries.

Requests for 241 missionaries have come from our mission stations. An urgent call has come from Palestine for preachers and teachers. Calls are coming from all the areas where we have mission stations, and soon we must consider the needs of new areas Southern Baptists hope to enter.

Can we increase our mission staff to 1,750?

Advance through open doors of opportunity is hampered by the lack of enough properly trained workers.

It would seem that our greatest hope is to train our children and young people to be missionary-minded. And to place in their hands our many mission magazines, books and literature.

Out of 28,000 Baptist ministers in our Southland only 231 have answered the call to go into all the world.

It would seem that some of our Pastors need a missionary education also. The world is the field.

Sometimes in my meditations I see hands, millions of hands, from China, Japan, Africa, throughout all the world all reaching toward me pleading for help. They are helpless, hopeless hands seeking for something better than that which they have yet not knowing where to find it. Hands soiled with sin, with bloody revolution groping in darkness and despair. Then I look at these two hands of mine and think how often they have held onto God's good gifts refusing to share them with others. Shall I go unto Him empty-handed? And shall I hear Him say "I did all I could for them but you would not help me." God forbid. Altho my part may be small I want to hear Him say: "Well done thou good and faithful servant."

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. ROSCOE WOOD

The closing address was delivered by Brother M. A. Huggins and was well received.

REPORT ON RESOLUTIONS

Be it resolved that we, the officers, messengers, and visitors to this seventy-second session of the Elkin Baptist Association, express our sincere appreciation, by a rising vote, to the Ronda Baptist Church and its pastor, Rev. L. M. Cooke, and to the Mount Pleasant Baptist Church and its pastor, Rev. J. D. Wyatt, and all others who helped, for unbounded hospitality in so graciously providing for our entertainment during the meeting of our Association.

Be it further resolved that we express our appreciation to those who labored so freely in preparing and carrying out the splendid program we have enjoyed throughout both days of our Association.

Respectfully submitted,

(MISS) EVELYN MYERS,
Chairman

MRS. G. W. CREED

MRS. J. D. WYATT

The Association was then adjourned until its annual meeting, which will come in 1951, on Thursday and Friday before the first Sunday in September.

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS

ARVIL ALEXANDER	Elkin, N. C.
MARVIN BURCHAM	Route 2, North Wilkesboro, N. C.
R. A. CALL	Roaring River, N. C.
C. C. COCKERHAM	Roaring River, N. C.
L. M. COOK	Ronda, N. C.
R. R. CRATER	Ronda, N. C.
IVORY COUCH	Elkin, N. C.
G. C. COOPER	Elkin, N. C.
DAVID W. DAY	Elkin, N. C.
RICHARD DAY	Elkin, N. C.

E. M. ELDRIDGE ..... Elkin, N. C.
HOWARD J. FORD ..... Elkin, N. C.
ROY FRANKLIN ..... Hays, N. C.
E. G. JORDAN ..... Elkin, N. C.
LUTHER JOHNSON ..... Ronda, N. C.
JOEL JOHNSON ..... Jonesville, N. C.
JOHN L. LUFFMAN ..... Ronda, N. C.
J. MARTIN LUFFMAN ..... Ronda, N. C.
T. M. LUFFMAN ..... Jonesville, N. C.
W. B. LUFFMAN ..... North Wilkesboro, N. C.
GLENN MENDENHALL ..... Jonesville, N. C.
LEVI McCANN ..... Roaring River, N. C.
GILBERT OSBORNE ..... Jonesville, N. C.
LLOYD PARDUE ..... Elkin, N. C.
J. L. POWERS ..... Elkin, N. C.
GAR PRUITT ..... Elkin, N. C.
CHARLES RICHARDSON ..... Ronda, N. C.
CLETE SIMMONS ..... Jonesville, N. C.
FLOYD STANLEY ..... Elkin, N. C.
GROVER TILLEY ..... Elkin, N. C.
GEORGE M. WALTERS ..... Elkin, N. C.
JOHN WEATHERMAN ..... State Road, N. C.
SHERMAN WEATHERMAN ..... Jonesville, N. C.
J. D. WYATT ..... State Road, N. C.

CONSTITUTION

1. This Association shall be known as the Elkin Baptist Association, and shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches; each church being entitled to three delegates, and all regular ordained ministers as members ex officia.

2. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's Kingdom upon earth.

3. The delegates thus selected should bear from each respective church a letter certifying their appointments, and communicating information relative to the state of the church and interest thereof.

4. The Association just formed shall elect, by ballot, a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall continue in office for one year, and until others are chosen. The last two offices may be held by the same individual.

5. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside at meetings of business; to keep order during each session; to decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the house by any member and to perform all other duties pertaining to his office.

6. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a faithful and correct record of all the proceedings of each session of the Association and keep a minute of each session and to perform other duties assigned to him by the Association.

7. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to keep a correct record of all the funds coming into the hands and report the same at the order of the Association.

8. There shall be a Committee of Arrangements consisting of five members, besides the Moderator and Clerk.

9. All letters or grievances or queries, together with all letters from corresponding associations requiring any attention thereon, shall be submitted to the Committee on Arrangements and reported back to the Association.

10. This body shall have no coersive power to exercise lordship over God's heritage, but shall only be considered as advisory council in all matters respecting the internal regulation of the churches.

11. When an offense may have been committed by one church against the other, or when a series of difficulties may have arisen in an individual church, it shall be the duty of the Association (after due labors have been had between the offending and offended churches, or an individual church, as the case may be) to take the matter into consideration and advise upon it.

12. The Association shall not maintain permanent fellowship towards any of her churches which neglect to institute and preserve Gospel order among her members, nor any of her churches or ministers that treat her constitution with contempt; but shall sustain with all her influence, such as promote Gospel principles and order.

13. It shall be the province of this Association to invite visiting and corresponding brethren to seats, who shall be entitled to speak on any point under discussion, but not to vote.

14. The Association shall be in all cases, (except in matters pertaining to the constitution) be governed by a majority of the members present, and shall not adjourn until they have gone through the business of the Association, except in extraordinary cases.

15. Each church having an ordained or licensed minister shall report the same to the Association in order that they may appear as such in the face of the minutes.

16. The Association shall furnish the churches with the minutes of her proceedings; and it shall be the duty of the churches to enable her to do so.

17. The Association shall have a fund, created and sustained by voluntary contributions from the churches, which shall be held by the treasurer and subject to the disposition of a majority of the Association present at any annual session.

18. The Association shall hold an annual meeting at such time and place as the body may from time to time designate.

19. By appointment of the Association there may be an Itroductory, Missionary and Denominational sermon preached each annual session.

20. This Constitution may be altered or amended at any time, two thirds of the members present concurring.

21. The benevolent institutions of the day shall be no bar or test of fellowship, but all shall be free to sustain or not sustain as they choose.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2. The letters from the churches shall be read and the names of the delegates enrolled.

3. A Moderator and Clerk chosen by a majority of the members present.

4. Only one member shall speak at a time who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator; and while speaking shall not be interrupted by any member, except the Moderator.

5. The members speaking shall strictly adhere to the subject, and use no words calculated to irritate.

6. No member shall abruptly break off or absent himself without leave of the Association.

7. No member shall speak more than three times upon one subject without leave of the Association.

8. No member shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of the Association, nor whispering in time of public speech.

9. No member of the Association shall address another in any other appellation than that of brother.

10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member or prohibit him from speaking till he gives his light on the subject, unless he breaks this decorum.

11. The names of the several members of the Association shall be called by the Clerk as often as the Association requires.

12. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privileges as any other member, provided his seat be filled; and he shall have no vote, unless the Association be equally divided.

13. Queries presented by churches shall be attended to by the Association.

14. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

15. Any member who shall willingly and knowingly break any of these rules shall be reproved by the Association, as they shall think proper.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in only one true and living God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost and these three are one.

2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the words of God, and the only rules of Faith and Practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of Election by grace.

4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin, and in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature by his own free will or ability.

5. We believe that sinners are called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit and that all who are thus regenerated are born again by the Spirit of God, shall never fall finally away.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.

7. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only subjects of those ordinances; and we believe that the only true mode of Baptism is by immersion.

8. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment, and that the joys of righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

9. We believe that no minister has the right to administer the ordinances of the Gospel, except such as are regularly called, and come under the imposition of hands by the Presbytery.

OUR DEPARTED ONES

COOL SPRINGS
Mr. Charlie Lyons
Mr. C. B. Lewis (Deacon)
Mr. Robert Wishon

EAST ELKIN
Rev. J. T. Carlton
Mr. Charlie Chatham
Mr. Tyre Wood

ELKIN FIRST
Mr. Acquilla Bates
Mrs. S. O. Maguire
Dr. I. S. Gambill
Mr. Owen Reece

ELKIN VALLEY
Mr. H. D. Woodruff, (Deacon)
Mr. Pervis Snow

LITTLE ELKIN
Mr. Mevel Hampton Walls
Mr. T. Preston Hayes
Mrs. Julia (P. B.) Luffman

MACEDONIA
Mrs. George Key

MINERAL SPRINGS
Mrs. Maggie Myers

MOUNT PLEASANT
Mrs. Kate M. Dickerson
Mrs. Ruby Hanes Johnson
Mr. Aaron C. Phillips

OAK GROVE
Mr. J. D. Wyatt

PLEASANT HILL
Mr. Lonnie Reeves
Mrs. Eliza Reeves
Mrs. Sue Ann Suman

PLEASANT HOME
Mrs. Maggie Hoots
Mr. Ambrose Hudler

POPLAR SPRINGS
Mrs. Nelia Carter

ROCK CREEK
Mrs. Ida Porter

RONDA
Mrs. Florence Bentley
Mrs. Lillie Pardue

WHITE PLAINS
Mrs. Dora Parks
Mrs. Hessie Alexander

TABLE I. CHURCH AND MEMBERSHIP

CHURCHES	Location OC-V-T-C	Date Organized	Dates of Meeting	PASTORS AND ADDRESSES	Baptisms	Letters and Other Additions	Loss by Death, Transfer etc.	Total Resident Members	Total Non-Res. Members	Total Present Members	Revival Meetings Held	Number Tithers	No. Years Present Pastor Has Served Church
Bessie's Chapel	OC	1935	4th Sunday	L. M. Cook, Ronda		3		53	14	67	2		5
Center	OC	1839	3rd Sunday	Carl Cockerham, Roaring River	10			53	21	74	2		1
Cool Springs	OC	1805	2 and 4	Marvin Burcham, Ronda	7	5	13	259		259	2		2
East Elkin	T	1921	1 and 3	E. G. Jordan, Elkin	1	4	21	98	109	207	1	19	1
Elkin First	T	1889	Full	Howard J. Ford, Elkin	7	26	29	514	103	617	1		5
Elkin Valley	V	1914	Full	W. C. Guth, R1, Elkin	20	8	21	518	28	546	2	41	1
Little Elkin	OC	1905	Full	Roy Franklin, Hays	14	10		146	101	247	1		3
Macedonia	OC	1876	2 and 4	C. C. Cockerham, Ronda	1		3	178	54	232	2		1
Mineral Springs	V	1940	Full	~~Clifford Vestal~~, Jonesville Myers	22	27	10	288		288	2	34	4
Mt. Pleasant	V	1887	Full	J. D. Wyatt, State Road	4	11	10	84	40	129	2	11	3
Oak Grove	OC	1946	1 and 3	Gilbert Osborne, R1, N. Wilkesboro	8		2	72		80	1	2	5
Pleasant Hill	V	1897	Full	David W. Day, Elkin	16	5	16	586	42	628	2	50	11
Pleasant Home	OC	1878	2 and 4	R. A. Call, Wilkesboro			8	226		226	2		
Poplar Springs	OC	1889	1 and 3	Warren Norman, Mtn. Park	3	4	3	151	73	224	1	2	1
Rock Creek	OC	1849	2 and 4	L. M. Cook, Ronda	11	3	12	192	90	282	1	10	2
Ronda	T	1889	1 and 3	L. M. Cook, Ronda	1	6	14	118	60	178	2	12	2
Union Hill	OC	1948	1 and 3	George M. Walters, Elkin	1		2	51		51	2	6	1
West Elkin	T	1940	2 and 4	J. L. Powers, Elkin	20	4	2	73	31	104	2		1
White Plains	OC	1860	1 and 3	Arvil Alexander, Elkin	14	4	8	175	20	195	1		5

TABLE II. THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

CHURCHES	Sunday School Superintendents And Addresses	Cradle Roll	Nursery	Beginners	Primaries	Juniors	Intermediates	Young People	Adults	Extension Department	Officers Not Counted Classes and Departments	Grand Total Sunday School Enrollment	Average Attendance	Vacation Bible School Enrollment	Average Attendance
Bessie's Chapel	B. T. Southard, R1, Elkin			16		18	15	21	38			108	80		
Center	Sam Spicer, Elkin			26		10	25		32			93	60		
Cool Springs	R. C. Harris, Elkin			23	23	30	21	27	78		3	205	118	68	52
East Elkin	Mason Burcham, Elkin			12	15	22	18	32	56		2	148	71	48	41
Elkin First	Cortez Lowery, Elkin	16	31	43	43	48	33	69	208	50	4	545	253	148	135
Elkin Valley	Carl M. Harpe, Elkin		17	32	49	59	54	142	131		3	487	254	119	86
Little Elkin	Bill Francis, R1, Ronda			31		22	32	39	56		3	183	123		
Macedonia	Ralph Tharpe, Ronda			8	12	19	26	7	54		2	128	73	52	50
Mineral Springs	Joel Johnson, Jonesville			25	35	20	30	50	50		3	213	180	35	30
Mt. Pleasant	Wm. A. Walters, State Road	10	7	10	14	11	20	10	84	5	4	175	92	101	89
Oak Grove	G. C. Tharpe, R2, N. Wilkesboro		10	8	10	18	20	20	32			118	75		
Pleasant Hill	Denver Holcomb, Elkin		51	21	50	63	50	132	168		4	539	350	185	175
Pleasant Home	J. H. Johnson, R2, Ronda			12		17	25	37	35	25		151	80		
Poplar Springs	Percy Eldridge, State Road											194			116
Rock Creek	Ulys Childress, R2, N. Wilkesboro			25	15	28	19	9	52			148	73	69	60
Ronda	Colin Pardue, Ronda			18	27	22	14	21	49			151	85		
Union Hill	Mack Nixon, Thurmond			13		9		24	22			68	40		
West Elkin	Ralph Cockerham, Elkin			22	16	13	21		42	20		134	90	55	52
White Plains	S. S. Alexander, Roaring River			16		18	30	37	35			136	86		
TOTALS		26	116	361	309	447	453	677	1,222	100	28	3,924	2,183	880	886

TABLE III. TRAINING UNION

CHURCHES	TRAINING UNION DIRECTORS AND ADDRESSES	No. Nursery Units	No. Beginner Units	No. Primary Units	No. Junior Units	No. Intermediate Units	No. Young People Units	Adult Units	Nursery Enrolled	Beginners Enrolled	Primaries Enrolled	Juniors Enrolled	Intermediates Enrolled	Young People Enrolled	Adults Enrolled	Gen. Officers Enrolled	Grand Total Enrolled	Average Attendance
Cool Springs	Jack Holcomb, Elkin	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	20	.....	27	31	4	78	51
East Elkin	Burrus Gray, Jonesville	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	10	.....	12	17	2	41	26
Elkin First	Fred O. Eidson, Elkin	1	.....	1	1	1	1	.....	.....	8	14	15	14	20	.....	3	74	52
Elkin Valley	Lee Roy Hayes, Elkin	.....	.....	1	1	1	1	1	.....	.....	.....	15	20	20	21	12	76	.....
Mineral Springs	Aubrey Martin, Jonesville	.....	.....	1	1	1	.....	1	.....	.....	7	8	25	.....	10	10	60	50
Mt. Pleasant	Joe Ball, State Road	.....	1	.....	1	1	1	1	3	11	.....	12	12	9	17	2	66	40
Pleasant Hill	Miss Evelyn Myers, Elkin	.....	.....	1	1	1	1	1	.....	.....	20	15	17	10	18	6	86	74
West Elkin	Mrs. Woodrow Hooper, Elkin	.....	1	1	1	1	.....	1	.....	10	9	17	18	.....	33	2	89	39
TOTALS		1	2	5	8	6	6	7	3	29	50	112	106	98	147	41	570	332

TABLE IV. WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

CHURCHES	PRESIDENTS OF W. M. S. AND ADDRESSES	W. M. S. Units	Y. W. A. Units	G. A. Units	R. A. Units	Sunbeam Units	Total Units	W. M. S. Enrolled	Y. W. A. Enrolled	G. A. Enrolled	R. A. Enrolled	Sunbeam Enrolled	Total Enrolled	Enrolled In Mission Study	Total Tithers
East Elkin	Mrs. G. W. Creed, Elkin	1	.....	1	.....	1	3	14	.....	10	.....	15	39	.....	3
Elkin First	Mrs. F. M. Norman, Elkin	1	1	2	1	1	6	195	10	30	19	30	284	95	87
Elkin Valley	Mrs. Garvey Chambers, Elkin	1	1	2	1	.....	5	37	15	34	9	.....	95	.....	.....
Mineral Springs	Mrs. Ruby Vestal, Jonesville	1	.....	1	.....	.....	2	33	.....	12	.....	.....	45	30	12
Mt. Pleasant	Mrs. W. A. Walters, State Road	1	1	.....	.....	.....	2	23	16	.....	.....	.....	39	.....	11
Poplar Springs	Mrs. Roxie Ray, State Road	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	31	.....	.....	.....	.....	31	.....	2
Rock Creek	Mrs. Lee Roy Porter, R2 N. Wilkesboro	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	12	12	8
Ronda	Mrs. David Byrd, Elkin	1	1	.....	.....	1	3	14	15	.....	.....	14	43	20	4

TABLE V. CHURCH RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

CHURCHES	TREASURERS AND ADDRESSES	Money Borrowed, Sale of Property, etc.	All Other Receipts through All Organizations for year	Total Salaries (Do Not Include pastor's salary here)	Maintenance, Insurance	New Buildings and Equipment	Literature, Song Books, Printing, etc.	Local Missions and Benevolences	Revival Expenses and Pastoral Supply	Payment on Church Debt	Other Local Expenses	Total Local Expenses (Excluding Pastor's Salary)	Pastor's Salary
Bessie's Chapel	Gaither Wall, R1, Elkin			60.00			48.42		41.94	1,500.00	41.91	1,692.27	345.06
Center	Arleen Wood, Thurmond			12.00	53.00	587.76	49.37		25.00			727.13	81.53
Cool Springs	R. C. Harris, Elkin		3,016.44			1,130.96	104.63		176.33		337.14	1,749.06	771.43
East Elkin	Mrs. Glenn Cooke, Elkin		3,220.05	170.00		76.56	147.27	71.00	109.00		971.41	1,545.42	1,193.53
Elkin First	T. L. Parnell, Elkin		37,135.31	2,820.00	1,053.98	131.41	999.89	85.65	355.00		1,071.60	6,517.53	4,500.00
Elkin Valley	Miss Reba Johnson, Elkin		12,605.77	492.00	392.41	75.00	526.08	540.00	527.50		1,997.54	4,550.53	2,310.00
Little Elkin	J. Bradford Luffman, Ronda		3,333.45	200.00	85.00		90.42	154.71	117.71	1,081.84	155.08	1,884.56	1,357.94
Macedonia	Mrs. Grady Dimmette, Ronda			180.00	8.45		213.03		179.90		12.38	593.83	357.65
Mineral Springs	Charles Casstevens, Jonesville		7,816.04	455.00	71.67		162.59	80.59	189.44	1,332.59	2,038.49	4,330.37	2,860.00
Mt. Pleasant	J. Ralph Gentry, State Road				208.75		254.35	162.50	377.50	1,366.50	613.62	2,983.22	2,695.00
Oak Grove	Mrs. Wade Watts, N. Wilkes'	3,000.00	3,414.66	70.00	114.95		65.75		57.95	1,760.95	28.50	2,097.90	346.95
Pleasant Hill	E. F. Yarborough, Elkin	1,878.00	13,769.36	3,767.50	1,217.76	2,079.00	537.50	1,883.36	496.92	560.00		10,542.04	3,744.00
Pleasant Home	W. B. Edwards, R. River			129.87		32.30		53.10	88.61		21.82	323.70	429.98
Poplar Springs	Ike Nance, State Road			144.00	685.63		77.44		123.38		551.72		1,082.17
Rock Creek	Mrs. Roscoe Wood, N. Wilkes		2,014.86	60.00		360.16	44.19	25.00	50.47		415.92	955.75	592.09
Ronda	Richard Martin, Ronda		2,758.24	120.00	165.71		67.83	162.74	199.50	927.75	200.21	1,843.74	720.00
Union Hill	Margaret Kennedy, Thurmond			52.00	32.80	331.95	33.46	48.52	27.77	200.00	24.20	750.70	216.16
West Elkin	Mrs. Cecil Hooper, Elkin			120.00		300.00	78.40	26.00	101.00	480.00	261.00	1,366.40	401.00
White Plains	Clay Alexander, R. River		3,419.71			2,600.00	100.00	85.00	87.50		35.00	2,907.50	462.21

TABLE VI. GIFTS FOR ALL MISSIONS, EDUCATION, ORPHANAGES, ETC.

CHURCHES	CLERKS OF CHURCHES AND ADDRESSES	Cooperative Program	Associational Missions	Designated State Missions	Designated Home Missions	Designated Foreign Missions	Christian Education, Schools	Orphans Home	Designated Hospitals	Relief and Annuity, Relief, Etc.	Total Expenditures For Missions	Grand Total Expenditure For All Purposes	Total Church Debt At End Of Year
Bessie's Chapel	Dewitt Collins, R1, Elkin							61.50	19.95		81.45	2,118.78	569.00
Center	Mrs. Bernice Spicer, Thurmond							10.08	9.07	13.25	32.40	841.06	
Cool Springs	Eugene Pettyjohn, Elkin							161.20	70.00	217.75	490.95	3,016.44	
East Elkin	Mason P. Burcham, Elkin	15.00				46.00		31.10	14.00		105.10	2,844.05	
Elkin First	Hazel Byrd, Elkin	4,291,70		150.00	89.81	169.12	1,000.00	550.00	883.53	120.00	7,254.16	18,271.69	
Elkin Valley	G. C. Cooper, Elkin	480.00		89.48	42.86	146.85	260.00	351.78	441.45	127.12	1,939.54	8,800.08	
Little Elkin	Colon E. Walls, Ronda					12.75		65.13	14.70		82.58	3,325.08	6,217.36
Macedonia	Mrs. E. F. Edwards, Ronda	248.44		19.78		14.23		122.51	19.08		424.04	1,375.52	
Mineral Springs	Mike Case, Jonesville	95.00		140.00	83.75	40.00		55.95	40.50		455.20	7,645.57	694.09
Mt. Pleasant	Mrs. Minnie Donovan, State Road	80.00		34.00	10.00	74.00	100.00	50.00	55.00	60.78	463.78	6,142.00	3,555.01
Oak Grove	Mrs. Wake Watts, N. Wilkesboro			5.56				47.50	11.00	37.50	101.56	2,546.41	2,750.00
Pleasant Hill	Joe Cockerham, Elkin	88.13		18.08			59.00	287.30	1,249.67		1,702.18	15,988.22	1,318.00
Pleasant Home	J. F. Darnell, Roaring River												
Poplar Springs	J. W. Gentry, State Road		35.00					174.86	25.00		234.86	2,303.79	
Rock Creek	Mrs. Roscoe Wood, N. Wilkesboro	20.00	16.45	18.61	10.00	25.00	8.68	35.00	95.00	132.28	361.02	1,908.86	
Ronda	Mrs. Richard Martin, Ronda	47.10		14.00	8.00	37.50		30.00	62.00		198.60	2,762.34	
Union Hill	Doris Shores, Thurmond							87.52	30.07		117.59	1,084.45	600.00
West Elkin	Ray Holbrook, Elkin			101.00	8.00	17.00			77.82		203.82	1,971.22	1,937.32
White Plains	Clay Alexander, Roaring River							25.00	25.00		50.00	3,419.71	

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The Association was declared in session by Moderator Brother J. L. Powers at 10 a. m. on August 30, 1951, at White Plains Baptist Church, at Roaring River, N. C.

Devotional—Brother E. M. Eldridge.

Prayer—Brother E. G. Jordan.

Moderator announced that Brother Glenn Lewis would act as Clerk in the absence of Clerk J. L. Williams and Assistant Clerk L. F. Walker.

Visitors recognized—Dr. L. L. Carpenter, Biblical Recorder, Raleigh, N. C.; Dr. J. C. Canipe, Fruitland, Hendersonville, N. C.; Brother Kendall of Mars Hill College; Brother Barnard, Chaplain, Baptist Hospital, Winston-Salem; Brother W. D. Reed, of the Baptist Orphanage; Dr. John C. Wayland, North Wilkesboro, N. C.

Letters were called and the following were presented with the listed delegates present as follows:

Maple Springs Baptist Church—Delegates: Luther Holbrook, Ralph Pardue; Alternate: Clarence Settle.

Little Elkin Baptist Church—Delegates: C. E. Walls, Bill Francis, J. T. Byrd.

Ronda Baptist—Pastor Brother L. M. Cook—Delegates: Mrs. Elmer Anthony, Mrs. Hobson Blackburn, Mrs. Richard Martin.

Poplar Springs—Pastor Warren Norman—Delegates: S. B. Mooney, Clarence Newman.

First Baptist Elkin—Pastor Howard J. Ford—Delegates: Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Lewis, Sara Reece, Mrs. Hugh Salmons.

Mt. Pleasant—Pastor J. D. Wyatt—Delegates: Mrs. James Irwin; Alternates: Mrs. Herbert Royall, Mrs. Fairy Cockerham.

Elkin Valley—Pastor W. C. Guth—Delegates: Earl Konkle, Licensed Minister, LeeRoy Hayes, Mrs. W. C. Guth, Mrs. Paul Fletcher.

Pleasant Hill—Pastor David W. Day—Delegates: Charlie Couch, Kermit Darnell, Arthur Collins.

Mineral Springs—Pastor L. E. Myers—Delegates: Leonard Holleman, Joel Johnson, Mrs. L. E. Myers.

Rock Creek—Delegates: J. A. Sebastian, Ulys Childress, Nitta Sebastian.

East Elkin Baptist—Pastor E. G. Jordan—Delegates: Mrs. G. W. Creed, Mrs. John Williams, Mrs. Ruby Brown.

Bessie's Chapel—Delegates: B. T. Southard, K. W. Steele.

Cool Springs— Delegates: Murl Newman, Oren Holbrook, alt., T. C. Pettyjohn, alt.

White Plains Baptist—Delegate: Clay Alexander.

West Elkin Baptist—Pastor J. L. Powers—Delegates: Ralph Cockerham, Mrs. Cecil Hooper, Mrs. J. W. Sheppard.

Macedonia Baptist—Delegates: T. L. Anthony, Finney Anthony, E. F. Edwards.

Pleasant Home—Delegate: J. F. Darnell.

Union Hill Missionary Baptist—Pastor E. M. Eldridge.

Following Program Committee was appointed by Moderator—

Brother Howard J. Ford, Chairman; Brother L. E. Myers; Brother J. D. Wyatt, Brother David W. Day, Brother W. C. Guth.

Following elected officers for the coming year — Moderator: Brother J. L. Powers; Assistant Moderator: Brother David W. Day; Clerk: J. L. Williams; Assistant Clerk: Glenn Lewis.

Report on Evangelism was read by Brother David Day.

Great and inspiring message was delivered by Dr. J. C. Canipe on Evangelism.

Association voted to transfer report on Christian Education to next day in order to permit Dr. L. L. Carpenter, who could not attend the next day, to bring a message on The Biblical Recorder. He urged all Churches to form subscribers' clubs. (Ask that Committee on Christian Education be reported to him).

Song "AT THE CROSS" led by Brother David Day.

Prayer by Brother W. C. Guth.

Associational Sermon brought by Brother Guth, of the Elkin Valley Church. The message was very inspirational.

Recessed for lunch.

Second session started at 1:30 p. m.

Song "MY FAITH LOOKS UP TO THEE" led by Brother David Day.

Prayer by Brother Kendall of Mars Hill College.

Interesting talk about Mars Hill College was made by Brother Kendall.

In absence of Brother W. K. McGee, Brother Barnard, Chaplain at Baptist Hospital, gave interesting talk on Christian work at the Hospital.

Brother W. C. Guth gave interesting talk on Baptist Orphanage.

Report on Minister's Relief and Annuity was given by Brother J. D. Wyatt.

Dr. John C. Wayland of North Wilkesboro gave interesting talk about the Ministers' Relief and Annuity Plan and on personal Consecration.

Following were elected —

Associational Superintendent Sunday School — Brother Lewis Petree.

Hospital Representative—Brother J. L. Williams.

Training Union Director—Brother J. D. Wyatt.

Chairman on Evangelism—Brother David Day.

Brother W. C. Reed gave an informative talk on the work of the Orphanage.

Brother J. D. Wyatt gave report on Training Union.

Benediction, Brother W. C. Reed.

Adjourned, 3:40 p. m.

BAPTIST TRAINING UNION REPORT

An active Training Union in each church will assure well-trained and consecrated Christian leaders for the future.

Baptist Training Union work in Elkin Association has shown progress in the year just closed. One mass meeting was held in December at Elkin Valley Baptist Church with about 250 present. An associational Training Union Study course was held in July with

eight churches participating, an average attendance of 401, and 272 eligible for awards. A Training Union was organized at Little Elkin Baptist Church, which brings the total of unions in our association to nine.

Respectfully submitted,
J. D. WYATT

MINISTERS' RELIEF AND ANNUITY REPORT

There are two ministers in the Elkin Association participating in the Ministers' Relief and Annuity program.

Ministers, as well as laymen, grow old and are unable to continue their work because of advanced age or physical disability. This means no income for them unless they have made some provision earlier in life, which, in most instances, has not been done.

The Ministers' Relief and Annuity Program is not a matter of charity but rather a plan by which the ministers' welfare is taken care of when he reaches the age of retirement. The pastor contributes a certain percentage of his salary (4%) and the church pays the same amount. To this is added 4% by the Southern Baptist Convention. The minister's retirement salary is based on the amount that has been paid in.

If the minister is to share in the benefits of this retirement program, then the churches must be willing to do their part toward matching dollars with him. The minister may be reluctant to ask the church to join with him, feeling that it is too personal. The members of the churches should find out if the pastors are interested in participating and assure them of their financial support.

Respectfully submitted,
J. D. WYATT

ORPHANAGE REPORT

How we should rejoice and thank God for the wonderful way in which He lays it on the hearts of His children to carry on the great work of caring for the children in our Orphanage.

Last year at Mills Home and Kennedy Home, we cared for 606 children. Then through Mother's Aid, we helped support 100. In addition to this we supported 58 children in Boarding Homes. This makes a grand total of 764 children who were given support through our Orphanage Program.

Through the generous bequest of the late Mr. Robert M. Idol of Winston-Salem, we received last year the greatest single gift that has ever been given to our Orphanage. This gift, together with a similar one from his sister, the late Miss Lelia M. Idol, totaled a little more than seven hundred thousand dollars. Not one penny of this can ever be used for current expenses, but in accordance with the will, is to be used to build a Church, Infirmary, and a Print Shop. These buildings and one cottage for children are now under contract.

With this big building program ahead of us and so many homeless children depending upon us for their support, may we remember them with love, and with our prayers, and our money, and may we also remember that the Master said: "Whosoever receiveth on such little on in My name, receiveth not only Me, but Him that sent Me.'"

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. WILLIAM WALTERS

Mother's Day offering to Baptist Hospital in 1951 amounted to $1,181.85. This compared with $1,019.28 given in 1950.

ELKIN MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
AUGUST 30, 1951

REPORT ON EVANGELISM

Evangelism: The doctrine and preaching of the gospel to unbelievers. Converting sinners from the ways of self and sin; to the ways of Christ and righteousness. Bringing people, by means of prayer and spiritual gospel persuasion, out from under the condemning power of Satan, prince of the world; into the transforming power of the spirit of Christ, King of Glory.

The SIMULTANEOUS REVIVALS, conducted in most of the Baptist Churches east of the Mississippi River last March and April, were an outstanding success. We cannot give a complete report on these revivals, as eternity alone will ever be able to reveal the outcome of them in the fullness thereof.

We, your committee, wish to encourage every church in the Elkin Association to be evangelistic at all times, as much as possible to do so.

We recommend that all the churches in the Elkin Association endeavor to hold revivals simultaneously at least once annually.

We strongly urge that pastors and laymen attend the State Baptist Evangelistic Conference, which is to be held in February, 1952.

Respectfully submitted,
DAVID W. DAY,
Committee

FRIDAY, AUGUST 31, 1951

Elkin Association met on the second day of the seventy-third session at Bessie's Chapel, 10 a. m., August 31, 1951.

Brother J. L. Powers, Moderator.

Devotion by Brother Willie Luffman.

Prayer by Brother Willie Luffman.

Singing led by Brother David Day.

Report on American Bible Society was presented by Brother Warren Norman.

Brother Howard Ford delivered a very interesting message of the value of the Bible around the world.

Moderator reported that the following two churches were not represented either by letter or messenger: Center and Shoaly Branch.

WMU report was given by Mrs. G. W. Creed and adopted by the Association.

Interesting message was given by Mrs. E. C. James on the work of the WMU.

Sunday School report was given by Brother Lewis Petree and was adopted by the Association.

A very inspiring message was delivered by Brother D. P. Brooks on the important work of the Sunday School.

Brother Powers asked that the Association meet at the West Elkin Baptist Church in 1953.

Singing led by Brother David Day.

The Associational Sermon was delivered by Brother L. M. Cook.

Benediction by Brother W. C. Guth.

Recessed for lunch.

Last session opened at 1:30.

Singing led by Brother David Day.

Prayer by Brother Lewis Petree.

Report on Christian Education was read by Brother E. C. James. Adopted by the Association.

Brother Phil Elliott of Gardner-Webb College brought a very interesting talk on the work at the College.

Brother Frank Richardson, Business Manager of Gardner-Webb College, was pyresented as a guest of Brother Elliott.

Message on the Relationship of Church and Pastor was given by Brother John C. Wayland, of North Wilkesboro.

Memorial Service report was given by Brother J. F. Woodruff giving the number from each Church reported lost by death during last year.

In the absence of Brother J. M. Hayes, Brother Howard Ford gave an interesting talk about the new Home for the Aged at Winston-Salem.

Report of Committee on Time and Place and Preachers was given by Mrs. W. T. Roth. Report adopted as follows:

Time—1952—Thursday and Friday after third Sunday in September.

Place—Thursday—Macedonia.

Friday—Oak Grove

Preachers—Thursday—Brother L. E. Meyers

Brother Warren Noman, alt.

Friday—Brother J. F. Woodruff

Brother E. M. Eldridge, alt.

Report on resolutions was presented by Mrs. J. W. Sheppard. Adopted by the Association for the minutes.

Association voted to lengthen noon recess to one hour fifteen minutes, with a note in the bulletin that the extra fifteen minutes was allowed for the ladies to spread the dinner after the Association was dismissed for recess. This was to eliminate the necessity of anyone having to leave before the Associational Sermon was completed.

Report on Home and Foreign Missions was given by Mrs. David Day and adopted by the Association.

Message by Brother M. A. Huggins, State Secretary, about his work and the work of the State Baptist Association was very interesting.

Periodical report was given by Mrs. W. T. Roth and adopted by the Association.

Visitors at afternoon session—

Brother John C. Wayland

Brother M. A. Huggins

Brother Phil Elliott

Brother Frank Richardson

Following committee was appointed to study the advisability of

the Association obtaining the services of an Associational Missionary.

Brother Lewis Petree, Chairman
Brother Howard Ford
Brother W. C. Guth

Benediction by Brother E. C. James.

Adjourned 4:00 p. m.

Moderator
BROTHER J. L. POWERS
Clerk pro tem
BROTHER GLENN LEWIS

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY REPORT

The extent to which the man with the Book has gone out to seek the man without the Book is reflected by the number of volumes distributed. During 1950 the Society's distribution was in the United States, 6,230,370 volumes; in foreign fields, 4,826,214 volumes —making a total of 11,056,584. This figure, while representing an increase of more than 25% over 1949, did not by any means meet all the needs which the Society faced.

Think of Korea, now the focus of the world's interest, known as the "Land of the Morning Calm." In its capital city, Seoul, between fire-scarred tumbling walls lies a pile of ashes, the remains of 45,000 Bibles, over 100,000 New Testaments, over 500,000 Gospels and several tons of paper and binding materials and printing plates. These are the ruins of the Bible House of the Korean Bible Society.

Think of our Armed Forces. Their numbers increase daily and rapidly. Their need for New Testaments must be met at all costs. Parents will want their sons and daughters in the various services supplied with spiritual weapons which make alive, as well as with the deadly weapons of warfare. Orders for 2,000,000 Service Testaments were placed in 1950. More will be needed as time goes on.

Think of Japan, still a country of unlimited opportunities. The goal for 1950 was the distribution of 3,000,000 copies of the Scriptures. The goal for Japan for 1951 is 5,000,000 volumes.

Think of China, a country drastically changed politically and economically; many of its people, however, still desire the Holy Scriptures. For the twelve months ending October 31, 1950, there were distributed 71,493 Bibles, 130,000 New Testaments and 900,000 Gospels.

Think of Brazil. It offers today an unusual opportunity. The missionary glow of the Churches and the tides of the Spirit of God have created an upsurge in the hearts of hundreds of thousands of Brazilians. Some 120,000 Bibles annually used to be distributed, but now the workers in this field are convinced that 300,000 Bibles are needed, besides large quantities of Testaments and Gospels.

Think of Bibleless Americans. Think of the blind. Think of what it will mean to share in this task of getting the Word of God to those who do not have a Bible and to each in his own language. Then let each church have some part whether large or small, in spreading the Gospel by sending a contribution to the American Bible Society.

Respectfully submitted,
WARREN NORMAN

REPORT ON WOMEN'S MISSIONARY UNION

The Women's Missionary Union is an auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention. Its aim is to promote Missionary education in every Southern Baptist Church. Its adopted watch-word is, "Laborers Together With God." (I Corinthians 3:9). Its challenge is the great commission. (Matthew 28:19-20).

In our Elkin Association of twenty-one churches, only eight churches reported any organized Women's Missionary Work.

Let us prayerfully consider this challenge, and do our best to get at least one Women's Missionary organization in every church in our Elkin Association.

We humbly ask that the help of every Pastor and Sunday School Superintendent in this most worthy undertaking, for in your Women's Missionary Union, you will find your most faithful church workers.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. G. W. CREED

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our Sunday School work in the association did not advance by leaps and bounds last year, but we are glad that we can report it is growing slowly, but surely, in most of our churches. It is gratifying to know we are making progress, and we feel our Vacation Bible Schools had a lot to do with this growth in many of our churches. Our worker, Mr. Bill Elliott, was in 13 of our churches during the summer, and with one church not in our association. Two churches held a school without his help. The total enrollment for these schools was 1,192. The offering for the co-operative program was $127.00, and $20.54 went to the Baptist Hospital.

My visiting has been limited, but we found most of the churches gladly receiving help.

We hope that we are entering one of the best years we have had, but hoping for this will not make it so. We must pray as never before, and then, under His direction, may we labor together for His Kingdom's advancement.

Respectfully submitted,
L. H. PETREE

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Some years ago, a great Baptist leader, speaking on our topic of Christian Education, said "The soul of culture is the culture of the soul." That statement in a few short words, describes the task before us.

Long ago the nations of the world realized the value of education. When the Apostle Paul had visited the city of Athens, he found that the people had a vital interest in learning new things. In fact, he found that they spent most of their time investigating new theories and digging out new facts. Their tragedy was that they had no interest in Christian education.

Fifty years ago, medical doctors had a feeling that they were lacking in essential medical knowledge until they had done post graduate work in Germany. This nation stressed education—but because this learning process left out the ethical teachings of Jesus Christ—Germany became a stumbling block for the nations of

the earth. Japan was eager to educate her people and a few short years ago, she boasted of the highest literacy rate of any nation. But alas Japan too omitted the Christian principle from her teaching and tragedy followed.

Is it possible that our beloved America will stubbornly refuse to profit by the mistakes of these other nations? Will we fill the heads of our young people while their hearts are empty? That great Christian statesman, William Jennings Bryan, said, "I want my sons to study geology and the age of rocks—but first, I want them to know more about the Rock of Ages." That is what Christian Education means.

Respectfully submitted,
EARL C. JAMES

REPORT ON RESOLUTIONS

Be it resolved: that we, the officers, messengers, and visitors of this, the seventy-third session of the Elkin Baptist Association, do hereby express our sincere and heartfelt appreciations by a rising vote to the White Plains Baptist Church and its pastor, the Reverend R. A. Call, and also to the Bessie's Chapel Baptist Church and its pastor, the Reverend W. B. Luffman, and all others who so graciously provided for our entertainment during the meetings of the Association. Be it resolved that we change the Associational sermon to the eleven o'clock hour, this at request of the preacher.

Be it further resolved: that we express our appreciations to those who labored so freely in preparing and ministering to us with this splendid program, which we have enjoyed so much throughout both days of the Association.

Recpectfully submitted,
MRS. DAVID DAY
MRS. J. W. SHEPPARD

REPORT ON HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS

"Ye shall be witnesses unto me, both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the world." (Acts 1-8).

These are the parting words of the Lord Jesus, just before His ascension. His disciples carried out this, His last command, in great Faith. Under much persecution and trials, they went forward, spreading the gospel everywhere, at home and abroad.

Since the days of the disciples, others, by great sacrifices, have kept this the Lord's last command, in motion until now. Some, by sacrificing themselves upon the altar of service, others by freely giving of their means to support those who could go.

Wonderful progress has been made in all fields even from the Apostles until this very day. Does this lessen our responsibilities to this worthy cause? It does not. The need in mission fields are even greater than ever before. Because there are more people in them than ever before.

We, his followers, today, having been led by the Holy Spirit, to believe that this, His last command, is just as much command to us, as it was to the Apostles and others, find ourselves standing in the face of a great challenge in which we are duty bound to pray about, and do something about.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. DAVID W. DAY

CONSTITUTION

1. This Association shall be known as the Elkin Baptist Association, and shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches; each church being entitled to three delegates, and all regular ordained ministers as members ex officia.

2. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's Kingdom upon this earth.

3. The delegates thus selected should bear from each respective church a letter certifying their appointments, and communicating information relative to the state of the church and interest thereof.

4. The Association just formed shall elect, by ballot, a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall continue in office for one year, and until others are chosen. The last two offices may be held by the same individual.

5. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside at meetings of business; to keep order during each session; to decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the house by any member and to perform all other duties pertaining to his office.

6. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a faithful and correct record of all the proceedings of each session of the Association and keep a minute of each session and to perform other duties assigned to him by the Association.

7. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to keep a correct record of all the funds coming into the hands and report the same at the order of the Association.

8. There shall be a Committee of Arrangements consisting of five members, besides the Moderator and Clerk.

9. All letters or grievances or queries, together with all letters from corresponding associations requiring any attention thereon, shall be submitted to the Committee on Arrangements and reported back to the Association.

10. This body shall have no coersive power to exercise lordship over God's heritage, but shall only be considered as advisory council in all matters respecting the internal regulation of the churches.

11. When an offense may have been committeed by one church against the other, or when a series of difficulties may have arisen in an individual church, it shall be the duty of the Association (after due labors have been had between the offending and offended churches, or an individual church, as the case may be) to take the matter into consideration and advise upon it.

12. The Association shall not maintain permanent fellowship towards any of her churches which neglect to institute and preserve Gospel order among her members, nor any of her churches or ministers that treat her constitution with contempt; but shall sustain with all her influence, such as promote Gospel principles and order.

13. It shall be the province of this Association to invite visiting and corresponding brethren to seats, who shall be entitled to speak on any point under discussion, but not to vote.

14. The Association shall be in all cases, (except in matters pertaining to the constitution) be governed by a majority of the members present, and shall not adjourn until they have gone through the business of the Association, except in extraordinary cases.

15. Each church having an ordained or licensed minister shall

report the same to the Association in order that they may appear as such in the face of the minutes.

16. The Association shall furnish the churches with the minutes of her proceedings; and it shall be the duty of the churches to enable her to do so.

17. The Association shall have a fund, created and sustained by voluntary contributions from the churches, which shall be held by the treasurer and subject to the disposition of a majority of the Association present at any annual session.

18. The Association shall hold an annual meeting at such time and place as the body may from time to time designate.

19. By appointment of the Association there may be an Introductory, Missionary and Denominational sermon preached each annual session.

20. This Constitution may be altered or amended at any time, two thirds of the members present concurring.

21. The benevolent institutions of the day shall be no bar or test of fellowship, but all shall be free to sustain or not sustain as they choose.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2. The letters from the churches shall be read and the names of the delegates enrolled.

3. A Moderator and Clerk chosen by a majority of the members present.

4. Only one member shall speak at a time who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator; and while speaking shall not be interrupted by any member, except the Moderator.

5. The members speaking shall strictly adhere to the subject, and use no words calculated to irritate.

6. No member shall abruptly break off or absent himself without leave of the Association.

7. No member shall speak more than three times upon one subject without leave of the Association.

8. No member shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of the Association, nor whispering in time of public speech.

9. No member of the Association shall address another in any other appellation than that of brother.

10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member or prohibit him from speaking till he gives his light on the subject, unless he breaks this decorum.

11. The names of the several members of the Association shall be called by the Clerk as often as the Association requires.

12. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privileges as any other member, provided his seat be filled; and he shall have no vote, unless the Association be equally divided.

13. Queries presented by churches shall be attended to by the Association.

14. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

15. Any member who shall willingly and knowingly break any of

these rules shall be reproved by the Association, as they shall think proper.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in only one true and living God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost and these three are one.

2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the words of God, and the only rules of Faith and Practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of Election by grace.

4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin, and in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature by his own free will or ability.

5. We believe that sinners are called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit and that all who are thus regenerated are born again by the Spirit of God, shall never fall finally away.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God by imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.

7. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only subjects of those ordinances; and we believe that the only true mode of Baptism is by immersion.

8. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment, and that the joys of righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

9. We believe that no minister has the right to administer the ordinances of the Gospel, except such as are regularly called, and come under the imposition of hands by the Presbytery.

OUR DEPARTED ONES

BESSIE'S CHAPEL
Mr. Belt White

COOL SPRINGS
Mr. Hasten Tucker
Mrs. Mollie Carter
Mr. Edgar Newman
Mrs. Sarah Tucker
Mr. Roy Darnell

EAST ELKIN
Mr. J. W. Pardue

ELKIN FIRST BAPTIST
Miss Laura Mastin
Mrs. Reginald Gambill
Mrs. E. L. Byrd

ELKIN VALLEY
Mr. Thomas Golden

LITTLE ELKIN
Mr. Mosley M. Luffman

MACEDONIA
Mrs. Ida Durham
Mrs. Lester Greenwood

MINERAL SPRINGS
Mrs. Sidney Waldrop
Mrs. Hessie Byrd

PLEASANT HILL
Mrs. Stella Welborn

PLEASANT HOME
Mrs. Mollie Jolly
Mrs. Louisa Jolly

POPLAR SPRINGS
Mrs. Susan Ann Cockerham

ROCK CREEK
Mr. Ed Burchette
Mrs. Mabel Brewer
Mrs. Anne Baldwin

RONDA
Mr. J. W. Billings

WHITE PLAINS
Mr. Tyra Byrd
Mr. Claude Poplin
Mrs. Susan Bullard

TABLE I — CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

CHURCHES	Location, Rural V-T-C	Date Organized	Dates of Meeting	PASTORS AND ADDRESSES	Baptisms	Letters and other additions	Loss by Deatr, Transfer	Total Resident Members	Total Non-Resident Mem.	Grand Total Present Mem.	Revival Meetings Held	Number tithers
Bessie's Chapel	OC	1935	4th Sun.	Willie Luffman, Ronda	3	1	2	51	15	66	3	.....
Center	OC	1839	3rd Sun.	Carl Cockerham, Roaring River	.....	1	1	.....	.....	75	2	.....
Cool Springs	OC	1805	2nd, 4th	C. B. Mickles, East Bend	9	5	11	.....	.....	262	2	.....
East Elkin	T	1921	1st, 3rd	E. G. Jordan, Elkin	18	6	12	106	116	222	2	17
Elkin First	T	1889	Full	Howard J. Ford, Elkin	44	39	29	.....	.....	670	1	.....
Elkin Valley	V	1914	Full	W. C. Guth, Elkin	26	17	21	540	28	568	1	.....
Little Elkin	OC	1905	Full	Roy Franklin, Elkin	3	12	10	148	104	252	2	6
Macedonia	OC	1876	2nd, 4th	Jessie Woodruff, Dobson	2	.....	2	179	53	232	2	.....
Maple Springs	OC	1943	1st, 3rd	J. Martin Luffman, Ronda	.....	.....	.....	75	34	109	.....	.....
Mineral Springs	V	1940	Full	L. E. Myers, Jonesville	3	14	17	284	.....	284	2	34
Mt. Pleasant	V	1887	Full	J. D. Wyatt, State Road	4	7	7	88	40	128	2	.....
Oak Grove	OC	1946	1st, 3rd	Gilbert Osborne, N. Wilkesboro	5	3	1	64	16	87	2	2
Pleasant Hill	V	1897	Full	David W. Day, Elkin	5	7	17	568	42	610	2	50
Pleasant Home	OC	1878	2nd, 4th	R. A. Call, N. Wilkesboro	6	1	10	.....	.....	223	3	.....
Poplar Springs	OC	1889	1st, 3rd	Warren Norman, State Road	1	.....	4	148	73	221	2	3
Rock Creek	OC	1849	2nd, 4th	A. B. Hayes, Hayes	10	1	13	189	91	280	2	8
Ronda	T	1889	1st, 3rd	L. M. Cook, Ronda	6	1	4	121	60	181	3	12
Union Hill	OC	1948	1st, 3rd	E. M. Eldridge, Elkin	.....	.....	2	40	9	49	2	6
West Elkin	T	1940	2nd, 4th	J. L. Powers, Elkin	.....	4	4	79	36	115	.....	.....
White Plains	OC	1860	1st, 3rd	R. A. Call, N. Wilkesboro	10	1	7	199	25	224	2	.....

TABLE II. — THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

CHURCHES	Sunday School Superintendents and Addresses	Cradle Roll	Nursery	Beginners	Primaries	Juniors	Intermediates	Young People	Adults	Extension Department	Officers, Classes, Depts.	Grand Total, Sunday Sch.	Average Attendance	Vac. Bible School Enroll.	Average Attendance
Bessie's Chapel	B. T. Southard, R1, Elkin	....	....	23	....	20	18	20	50	....	....	131	80	67	64
Center	Leff Simmons, Mtn. Park	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Cool Springs	R. C. Harris, Elkin	....	....	29	16	25	24	21	74	....	11	200	136	113	85
East Elkin	Mason P. Burcham, Elkin	....	....	19	16	22	22	33	55	....	2	169	107	67	57
Elkin First	Cortez Lowery, Elkin	7	46	39	41	57	36	38	283	52	3	602	273	181	144
Elkin Valley	Carl M. Harpe, Elkin	....	15	25	33	44	50	120	120	....	3	410	258	141	111
Little Elkin	Walter Byrd, Ronda	....	8	14	16	22	24	20	65	....	3	172	163	....	....
Macedonia	Ralph Tharpe, Ronda	....	....	14	12	18	18	11	46	....	....	121	73	104	94
Maple Springs	Luther Holbrook, Ronda	....	....	....	20	18	....	20	30	....	....	88	63	....	....
Mineral Springs	Joel Johnson, Jonesville	....	....	25	20	30	27	40	40	....	3	185	157	....	....
Mt. Pleasant	Wm. A. Walters, State Road	20	12	13	9	15	22	8	81	5	4	189	110	95	85
Oak Grove	Mrs. G. C. Tharpe, N. Wilkesboro	....	....	10	6	14	17	12	32	....	1	92	65	59	48
Pleasant Hill	Phillip Ray, Elkin	....	42	24	44	56	52	29	233	....	5	483	371	197	176
Pleasant Home	J. H. Johnson, Ronda	....	....	20	....	20	25	35	35	20	....	155	....	....	....
Poplar Springs	Percy Eldridge, State Road	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	10	201	122	38	....
Rock Creek	Ulys Childress, N. Wilkesboro	....	....	32	33	27	16	24	40	....	....	172	95	93	78
Ronda	Mrs. L. H. Petree, Ronda	6	....	15	15	10	14	25	50	....	....	135	79	52	35
Union Hill	Mack Nixon, Thurmond	....	....	17	....	12	....	24	18	....	....	71	45	....	....
West Elkin	J. W. Sheppard, Elkin	....	....	20	21	13	26	....	68	....	....	148	83	....	....
White Plains	S. S. Alexander, Roaring River	....	16	....	....	17	20	25	25	....	....	150	103	98	81

TABLE III. — TRAINING UNION

CHURCHES	TRAINING UNION DIRECTORS AND ADDRESSES	No. Beginner Units	No. Primary Units	No. Junior Units	No. Intermediate Units	No. Young People Units	Adult Units	No. Mission Unions	Total Number Units	Beginners Enrolled	Primaries Enrolled	Juniors Enrolled	Intermediates Enrolled	Young People Enrolled	Adults Enrolled	General Officers Enrolled	Grand Total Enrolled	Average Attendance
Cool Springs	Mrs. Mabel Newman, RFD, Elkin			1		1	1		3			25		18	25	3	71	48
East Elkin	Mr. Burrus Gray, Jonesville	1		1	1	1	1		5	8		16	6	7	12	2	51	29
Elkin First	Mr. Fred Eidson, Elkin			1	1	1	1	1	5			10	13	12	15	3	53	50
Elkin Valley	Miss Reba Johnson, Elkin	1		1	1	1	1		5	10		18	26	25	23	15	117	52
Little Elkin	Mrs. Carolyn Byrd, Elkin	1		1	1	1	1		5	20		19	27	28	32	10	136	104
Mineral Springs	Mr. Transou Boles, Jonesville		1	2	1		2		6		19	17	20		22	5	83	71
Mt. Pleasant	Mr. Oliver Walters, State Road	1		1	1		1		4	10		12	11		27	2	62	32
Pleasant Hill	Mr. Denver Holcomb, Elkin	1		1	1	1	1		5	14		33	28	16	32	6	129	87
West Elkin	Mr. Ralph W. Cockerham, Elkin	1		1	1		1		4	12		22	22		24	3	80	42
TOTALS		6	1	10	8	6	10	1	42	74	19	172	153	106	212	49	782	515

TABLE IV. — WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

CHURCHES	PRESIDENTS OF W. M. S.	W. M. S. Units	Y. W. A. Units	G. A. Units	R. A. Units	Sunbeam Units	Total Units	W. M. S. Enrolled	Y. W. A. Enrolled	G. A. Enrolled	R. A. Enrolled	Sunbeam Enrolled	Total Enrolled	Enrolled In Mission Study	Total Tithers
East Elkin	Mrs. C. W. Creed	1				1	2	14				22	36		4
Elkin First	Mrs. F. M. Norman	1	1	2	1	1	6	203	10	31	24	37	305	91	97
Elkin Valley	Mrs. Robert Transou	4	1	2	1	1	9	58	18	38	21	13	148	114	57
Mineral Springs	Mrs. L. E. Myers	1		1			2	20		12			32	29	11
Mt. Pleasant	Mrs. Wm. A. Walters	1	1	1	1		4	25	18	15	12		70	20	12
Poplar Springs	Mrs. Roxie Ray	1					1	31					31		
Rock Creek	Mrs. Lester Johnson	1					1	15						10	6
Ronda	Mrs. Ruel Pardue	1	1			1	3	16	11			10	37		12
West Elkin	Mrs. Herbert Dockery	1					1	28					28	20	

TABLE V. — CHURCH RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

CHURCHES	TREASURERS AND ADDRESSES	All Receipts Through All Organizations for Year	Total Salaries (Do Not Include Pastor's Salary)	Maintenance, Insurance	New Buildings and Equipment	Literature, Song Books, Printing, etc.	Local Missions and Benevolences	Revival Expenses and Pastoral Supply	Payment on Church Debt	Other Local Expenses	Total Local Expenses (Excluding Pastor's Salary)	Pastor's Salary
Bessie's Chapel	Gaither Wall, R1,Elkin	1,090.85	382.00		213.00	40.74		38.75			620.19	353.53
Center	Harrison Warren, Traphill				600.00	20.00		32.00	600.00			103.53
Cool Springs	R. C. Harris, R2, Elkin	2,839.90	108.00	582.00	367.00	132.00	89.40	123.92		250.00	1,652.32	914.58
East Elkin	Mrs. Margaret Cooke, Elkin	3,216.13	160.00		183.83	189.83	127.61	166.25		496.13	1,323.65	1,356.64
Elkin First	T. L. Parnell, Elkin	40,038.47	3,153.45	1,073.78		1,286.05	262.59	340.50		555.95	6,672.32	4,500.00
Elkin Valley	Robert Transou, Elkin	31,186.12	600.00	686.95	20,015.32	600.82	470.48	624.15		1,143.20	24,141.92	3,670.00
Little Elkin	Claude E. Key, R1, Ronda	5,809.38	300.00	79.40	394.95	114.42	222.06	263.43	1,329.75	336.76	3,040.77	2,440.60
Macedonia	Mrs. Grady Dimette, Ronda		180.00			101.51	41.69	274.74		129.42	667.36	458.94
Maple Springs	Everette Pardue, R1, Ronda	336.00		17.00	30.00	32.00			165.00	23.00	265.00	
Mineral Springs	Charles Casstevens, Jonesville	7,836.59	360.00	312.01	10,000.00	171.53	140.62	245.42	1,252.42	588.19	13,070.16	2,660.00
Mt. Pleasant	J. Ralph Gentry, State Road	6,608.65		450.38		297.55	142.62	409.22	935.00	1,275.72	3,510.49	2,605.00
Oak Grove	Mrs. Wake Watts, N. Wilkesboro	3,215.68				118.10		63.08	2,377.68	103.67	2,662.53	433.08
Pleasant Hill	E. E. Yarborough, R2, Elkin	13,361.73	2,295.00	687.48	1,749.13	547.18	1,923.90	388.04	1,318.00		8,908.73	3,528.00
Pleasant Home	W. B. Edwards, Roaring River	2,358.58	36.00		921.65	11.00	50.00	154.46		226.75	1,399.86	769.96
Poplar Springs	Ike Nance, State Road	2,434.52	132.00	223.74		87.16		179.41		438.42		1,018.12
Rock Creek	Mrs. Roscoe Wood, R2, N. Wilkesboro	1,407.39	96.00	240.98		80.38	113.33			93.55	624.24	660.80
Ronda	Mrs. Richard Martin, Ronda	3,154.76	120.00	103.60	50.00	111.66	254.10	191.80		210.53	1,041.69	720.00
Union Hill	Mrs. Margaret Kennedy, Thurmond		37.00	167.99		42.42	28.94	119.94	300.00	32.05	728.34	233.91
West Elkin	Mrs. Cecil Hooper, Elkin	2,501.84	30.00	388.37	360.99	80.82	51.60		320.00	311.21	1,542.99	600.00
White Plains	Clay Alexaxnder, Roaring River	2,776.44			1,500.00	75.00	196.00	144.00	750.00	40.00	2,776.44	965.86

TABLE VI. — GIFTS FOR ALL MISSIONS, EDUCATION, ORPHANAGES

CHURCHES	CLERKS OF CHURCHES AND ADDRESSES	Cooperative Program	Associational Missions	Designated State Missions	Designated Home Missions	Designated Foreign Missions	Christian Education, Schools	Orphans Home	Designated Hospitals	Relief and Annuity, Relief, etc.	Total Expediture for Missions	Grand Total Expenditure For All Purposes
Bessie's Chapel	Dewitt Collins, R1, Elkin						36.46	67.50	13.17		117.13	1,090.85
Center	Mrs. Bernice Spicer, Thurmond							10.00	4.49		14.49	750.02
Cool Springs	Eugene Pettyjohn, R2, Elkin		16.00		49.00			162.00	46 00		273.00	2,839.90
East Elkin	Mason P. Burcham, Elkin	23.25		14.14	5.00	4.00		25.00	55.56	6.38	133.33	2,813.62
Elkin First	Miss Hazel Byrd, Elkin	4,883.37		150.00	189.81	220.59	500.00	600.00	755.93	160.00	7,459.70	18,632.02
Elkin Valley	G. Cline Cooper, Elkin	787.15		24.65	373.16	486.59	89.45	242.46	106.12	453.40	2,511.98	30,322.90
Little Elkin	Colon E. Walls, R1, Elkin							55.12	19.19		74.31	5,554.68
Macedonia	Mrs. E. F. Edwards, Ronda	71.39	26.86					98.59	22.03		233.77	1,360.07
Maple Springs	Luther Holbrook, Ronda											
Mineral Springs	Mike Case, Jonesville	75.25		76.00	112.77	47.00			166.25	30.00	507.27	16,237.43
Mt. Pleasant	Mrs. M. L. Donovan, State Road	90.00		33.74	10.00	105.00		57.20	99.37	56.81	452.12	6,567.61
Oak Grove	Mrs. Wake Watts, N. Wilkesboro	11.63					31.00	70.35	41.00		153.98	3,249.59
Pleasant Hill	Joe Cockerham, Elkin	184.61		79.68				321.52	339.19		925.00	13,361.73
Pleasant Home	J. Q. Burcham, Roaring River	5.46						25.00			30.46	2,200.28
Poplar Springs	J. W. Gentry, State Road			60.00	134.60			210.80	68.08		473.48	2,434.52
Rock Creek	Mrs. Roscoe Wood, R2, N. Wilks'	21.35			15.00	26.00	10.00	6.00	40.00	4.00	122.35	1,407.39
Ronda	Mrs. Glenn Golliher, Ronda	12.20			30.00	42.00		30.00	40.00		154.20	1,915.89
Union Hill	Mrs. Doris Shores, Thurmond							75.88	34.14		110.02	1,072.27
West Elkin	Ray Holbrook, Elkin			14.00				17.48	40.00		71.48	1,914.47
White Plains	Clay Alexander, Roaring River			21.44				25.00	25.00		71.44	3,813.74

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The association was declared in session by the outgoing moderator, Brother J. L. Powers, at 10 a. m. on September 25, 1952, at Macedonia Baptist Church.

Devotional was led by Brother Jessie Woodruff.

Visitors recognized—Dr. J. C. Canipe, representing the State Convention, Miss Mattie Sale of the Brier Creek Association, and Brother C. P. Burchett of the Pilot Mountain Association.

The outgoing Moderator, Brother J. L. Powers, stated that he had acted as Moderator for the Association for the last four years, and now held a church in another Association. Therefore, he felt it his duty to resign as Moderator. Brother Howard Ford, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Elkin was thereupon elected by unanimous vote as the new Moderator. Brother David W. Day was unanimously elected as associate Moderator.

The following officers were also unanimously elected to fill their respective offices: Mrs. Earl C. James, Clerk; Mrs. Alice Johnson, Associate Clerk.

The following Committee was appointed on Time, Place and Preacher: Mrs. James Martin, Mrs. Howard Ford, Mrs. W. C. Guth, Mrs. Ernest Edwards, Mrs. W. W. Darnell.

Letters were called for and the following were presented with the delegates as follows:

Bessie's Chapel Baptist Church—Delegates: Mrs. Raymond Holder, Mrs. Gaither Wall, Mrs. B. T. Southard; Alternates: Mrs. Aubrey Hall, Mrs. Dewitt Collins.

Center Baptist Church—Delegates: Mrs. Sam Spicer, Mr. Quinton Spicer, Mr. Ovid Johnson; Alternates: Mr. Delaney Spicer, Miss Bonnie Spicer, Mrs. Ella Johnson.

Cool Springs Baptist Church—Delegates: Mr. M. L. Pettyjohn, Mrs. Mabel Newman, Mr. R. C. Harris; Alternates: Mr. Eugene Pettyjohn, Mr. Glenn Bowers, Mr. O. P. Holbrook.

East Elkin Baptist Church—Delegates: Mr. Richard L. Walters, Mr. C. C. Richardson, Mrs. Lottie Burch, Mrs. G. W. Creed, Mr. Mason Burcham; Alternates: Mrs. Everette Byrd, Mr. Robert Bryant, Mrs. Thelma Jordan, Mrs. John Williams.

First Baptist Church of Elkin—Delegates: Mr. and Mrs. E. C. James, Mrs. W. T. Roth, Rev. Howard J. Ford, Mrs. James H. Miller, Mr. J. L. Williams.

Elkin Valley Baptist Church—Delegates: Mr. Carl Harpe, Mr. J. C. Martin, Mr. Lee Roy Hayes, Mrs. Robert Transou, Mrs. Roy Collins; Alternates: Mrs. W. C. Guth, Mrs. Alice Johnson, Mrs. Carl Harpe, Mr. Garvey Chambers, Mrs. Paul Fletcher.

Little Elkin Baptist Church—Delegates: Mr. E. R. Settle, Mr. J. B. Luffman, Mr. Percy Felts; Alternates: Mr. Lawson Wood, Mr. Talmadge Yarboro, Mr. T. D. Luffman.

Macedonia Baptist Church—Delegates: Miss Marjorie Key, Mrs. John Hurt, Mrs. Grady Dimmette; Alternates: Mr. E. F. Edwards, Miss Clois Key, Mrs. Wesley Poplin.

Maple Springs Baptist Church—Delegates: Mr. Luther Holbrook, Mr. Clarence Settle, Mr. Hilary Holbrook; Alternates: Mr. Worth Prevette, Mrs. Fannie Triplette, Miss Ester Holbrook.

Mineral Springs Baptist Church—Delegates: Mr. Joel Johnson, Mr. Charles Casstevens, Mr. Leslie Carrico, Mr. Leonard Holleman; Alternates: Mr. Huston Burcham, Mr. C. C. Shores, Mrs. L. E. Myers, Mrs. Rufus Wilmoth, Mrs. Huston Burcham.

Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church—Delegates: Mr. H. Vess Douglas, Mr. James Irvin, Mr. W. H. Combs; Alternates: Mr. Walter Carter, Mrs. J. D. Wyatt, Mrs. James Irvin.

Oak Grove Baptist Church—Delegates: Mr. E. L. Caudill, Mr. G. G. Johnson, Mr. O. C. Baugess; Alternates: Mrs. E. L. Caudill, Mrs. G. G. Johnson, Mrs. O. C. Baugess, Mrs. G. C. Tharpe.

Pleasant Hill Baptist Church—Delegates: Mr. Joe Cockerham, Mr. W. W. Darnell, Mr. Kermit Darnell, Mr. Claude Ray, Mrs. David W. Day; Alternates: Mrs. W. W. Darnell, Mrs. Roy T. Lawrence, Mrs. Charlie Couch, Mrs. Kermit Darnell, Mr. C. H. Day, Mr. T. M. Collins.

Pleasant Home Baptist Church—Delegates: Mr. John Burcham, Mr. Coy Durham, Mr. Quincy Cheek, Mr. J. F. Darnell; Alternates: Mr. Basil Edwards, Mr. Garvie Cheek.

Poplar Springs Baptist Church—Delegates: Mr. S. B. Mooney, Mr. Willie Eldridge, Mr. R. H. Lassiter; Alternates: Mr. J. W. Gentry, Mr. R. C. Newman, Mrs. S. B. Mooney.

Rock Creek Baptist Church—Delegates: Mr. J. A. Sebastian, Mr. Wayne Brown, Mr. Sam Sebastian; Alternates: Mr. Charles H. Wood, Mrs. Ina Brewer, Mrs. Estelle Wood.

Ronda Baptist Church—Delegates: Mrs. Glenn E. Golliher, Mr. E. D. Byrd, Mr. Hobson Blackburn; Alternates: Mrs. Richard Martin, Mr. L. H. Petree, Mrs. C. C. Tharpe.

Shoaly Branch Baptist Church—Delegates: Mrs. Maynard Harris, Mr. James A. Martin, Mrs. James A. Martin; Alternates: Mrs. M. E. Broyhill, Mr. Jim White, Mrs. Jim White, Mr. O. H. Gentry, Mr. Robert Spencer, Mrs. Robert Spencer.

Union Hill Baptist Church—Delegates: Mr. Reid Nixon, Mr. Fred Blackburn; Alternates: Miss Alice Money, Miss Doris Shores.

West Elkin Baptist Church—Delegates: Mr. Clyde Copeland, Mr. Mont Transou, Mr. Kerley Hall, Mr. J. W. Shepherd, Mr. Ed Murphy; Alternates: Mrs. Clyde Copeland, Mrs. Howard Murphy, Mrs. Bobby Golliher, Mrs. J. W. Shepherd, Mrs. Ed Murphy.

White Plains Baptist Church—Delegates: Mr. Paul Byrd, Mr. Rom Wood, Mr. Paul Waddell, Mr. Arthur Sparks, Mr. Clay Alexander.

REPORT ON EVANGELISM

During these days when the world is filled with unrest and chaos, when it is covered with a heavy mantle of spiritual darkness, when "men's hearts (are) failing them for fear, and for looking after those things that are coming on the earth;" the enlightening story of Christ's redemption shines even more and more in this crucial hour. This focal point of the Biblical story, when proclaimed either from the pulpit, the Sunday School class, or in personal witnessing for the sole purpose of winning others to Christ, constitutes the act of evangelizing.

Every Sunday School hour, every worship service, every Training Union session, every study course period, and every prayer activity should have as its ultimate objective the winning of the lost to Christ. Thus evangelism is the motivating force of every New Testament church.

A new day has dawned when Southern Baptists began to realize

the significance of this important truth. North Carolina Baptists are making splendid strides in this field of service under the inspiring leadership of Dr. J. C. Canipe.

Through the efforts of Associational Simultaneous Crusades, many associations are able to report a continued upsurge in baptisms. The Elkin Association had such a simultaneous revival the past year; we rejoice in the number of baptisms that were added to the churches by means of this special crusade. Some of the men of this section were fortunately able to attend the Conference on Evangelism held at New Bern last February. Because of the great spiritual benefit derived from attending this Conference, we wish every pastor, Sunday School Superintendent, and deacon both could and would attend the next session on evangelism. If this were done, upon returning to their respective fields of service, the added impetus of evangelistic fervor would be so great that revival fires would break out all over our entire association.

We are glad to report that some of our churches had a week of Bible Study last January and hope that more churches shall plan for such a week this coming January.

Respectfully submitted,
W. C. GUTH

Dr. J. C. Canipe spoke to the report on Evangelism, and as usual, gave one of his inspiring and helpful messages. The Association feels that Dr. Canipe is one of its own members because he is always ready and willing to aid and assist in any way possible in carrying on the kingdom work. The Association expressed to Dr. Canipe its thanks for helping and bringing such a wonderful message.

Rev. Howard Ford gave a very interesting report and address on the relationship of Church and Pastor. He, in this message, made it clear as to how the deacons and members should support their pastors, relative to paying adequate salaries. Rev. Ford also pointed out in a vivid way the obligations of the pastor to the church.

Rev. L. E. Myers of the Mineral Springs Baptist Church brought a very inspiring sermon.

Adjourned for lunch at 12:30 p. m.

Afternoon session was called to order by Brother J. L. Powers and Brother Warren Norman led the devotional.

REPORT ON TRAINING UNION

The work of the training Union in the Elkin Association continues to play a vital part in advancing the cause of Christ. Six years ago only five churches reported Training Unions, with 469 members enrolled. We now have Training Unions in eleven churches with 782 members enrolled.

During the past year four mass meetings were held with an average attendance of 227. An enlargement campaign was conducted in July with ten churches participating. There was a total enrollment of 611, which was ninety-one per cent of the members enrolled, and an average attendance of 495. As a result of this enlargement campaign, eight new unions were organized and three hundred and eighteen awards earned.

There are still ten churches in our Association without Training Unions. Only nineteen per cent of our church membership is enrolled in this great organization. Let us each one do what we possibly can to further the work of Training Union in the Elkin Association this year.

Respectifully submitted,
J. D. WYATT

REPORT ON RELIEF AND ANNUITY

Baptists are not as thoughtless and indifferent about meeting the needs of aged and infirm ministers as we have sometimes been led to believe.

Thirty-three years ago the Relief and Annuity Board was established. Its plan was to set up a fund for the relief of retiring ministers and their families. To this fund would go 3% of his salary, paid by the preacher, 3% contributed by his church, and 2% would be paid by the State Convention. In return, when the preacher retired, he received an annuity equal to one-half his average salary over the previous twenty-five years.

This plan has proved to be based on sound actuarial facts and figures. It works and the results have proved its worth.

A Relief Department was organized to provide for those who never had an opportunity to join any retirement plan, having served before there was any Relief and Annuity Board. Had all the pastors of the Southern Baptist Convention taken advantage of the opportunity offered by the retirement fund, the load on the Relief Department would be decreasing each year. Instead it has been increasing year by year. In 1950, North Carolina paid into the fund $16,918.93. We drew out the sum of $23,029.50, or $6,110.57 more than we put in. Only the Government of the United States can go on, year after year, with this type of business of spending more than is received.

There are two ways to meet this problem. The first is to supplement the Relief funds by special offerings. The Southern Baptist Convention approved and recommended only three special offerings. This relief fund for aged ministers was one.

The second way, and the best way, is to secure more and more support from ministers. Every preacher should be fully and completely informed about the whole relief and annuity plan and urged to join the movement and support it wholeheartedly. We have planned the work. Now let us all seek to work the plan.

Respectfully submitted,
EARL C. JAMES

REPORT ON W. M. U.

With only eight churches out of twenty-one in our Association having missionary organizations, we wonder if many of our churches are not missionary in name only.

Surely it is not a coincidence that the eight churches reporting missionary organizations are the same eight churches giving to missions, both home and foreign.

The quality of the work of the W. M. U. has steadily improved during the past year, due, no doubt, to a number attending the two-day Institute held at Fruitland and the Leadership Institute held at First Baptist Church, Elkin, in November, at which seven of the eight churches having organizations were represented.

The annual meeting was held at Mt. Pleasant Church in April with all eight churches well represented. Miss Marie Epley, our new State Young Peoples Leader, and Miss Kathleen Manley, a medical missionary to Nigeria, Africa, brought exceptionally interesting and challenging messages.

Believing that the ministry of any church cannot be what Christ would have it unless the missionary aspect is taught and practiced, we appeal to the pastors and leaders of our churches to en-

courage the dissemination of missionary information and interest, remembering the words of Christ just a she left this earth . . . "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Spirit is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." Surely this is just as much a command to the churches of the Elkin Association as "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved."

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. W. C. GUTH

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE

The Baptists of North Carolina again rejoice and give thanks for the Baptist Orphanage located at Thomasville, North Carolina.

During the year of 1951 our Orphanage at Thomasville cared for more than 600 homeless children. In addition to this, the Orphanage supported and looked after more than 100 children for whom there was no vacancy in the Orphanage, this making a total of more than 700 children that were cared for directly and indirectly through the Orphanage program.

The Orphanage, as many other of our Baptist institutions, have to depend on the generous gifts made by individuals and by the public offerings that are taken for the institutions. We are now in the midst of a building program at the Orphanage and need all the help that the Baptists of North Carolina can give for meeting the enlargement program.

We should remember when we think of the Orphanage what Jesus said, "Suffer little children to come unto me for such is the Kingdom of Heaven."

Respectfully submitted for,
MRS. LESTER HOLLOWAY

Mr. W. C. Reid was present the second day of the Association and stated that the boys and girls at the Orphanage were getting along fine.

The first day's session was adjourned by Brother J. L. Powers at 4:00 p. m.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 1952

The Elkin Association met on the second day of the session at Oak Grove Baptist Church. The new moderator, Rev. Howard Ford, called the session to order. The devotional was led by Rev. Gilbert Osborne.

The singing for the entire session was led by Rev. David W. Day.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOL

This year the theme again is "Take Your Family To Sunday School."

We had an increase in the Sunday School enrollment of our convention of 216,000. North Carolina had an increase of 27,301, and in the Elkin Association we had the loss of 55.

We have 21 Sunday Schools, with an enrollment of 4,033. Five churches earned 162 training awards, and eleven Vacation Bible Schools were reported.

Sunday School leaders are challenging the churches to try for a 15% increase in Sunday School enrollment for 1952-53.

Respectfully submitted,
REV. D. P. BROOKS
L. H. PETREE

Mr. D. P. Brooks spoke to the report giving the scope and extent of our Sunday School work in North Carolina. He also stressed the need for more Sunday Schools and pointed out how a good Sunday School program would aid in church work.

There was a group of young people from Gardner-Webb College who gave their impressions of college life. Some of these young people were from our local churches in the Elkin Baptist Association.

REPORT ON AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY

"The Living Book"

Most books are dead. They had their little day and ceased to be. In bold contrast stands one Book that is alive. It is older than any other. It is larger than most. It was 1600 years in the writing. At least fifty different persons contributed to its pages. Yet when printing was invented 500 years ago, it was the first book printed, has never been off the presses of the world through these five centuries, and is more popular today than ever.

Look at the statistics:

In statistical form the American Bible Society Scripture distribution including Bibles, Testaments and Portions in 1951 was as follows:

In the United States	8,574,044
In foreign lands (some reports missing)	3,425,788
With money and materials furnished Bible Societies in Japan, Korea, Germany (estimated)	4,674,344
Totals	16,674,176

Respectfully submitted,
DENVER HOLCOMB

The Associational sermon was ably delivered by Rev. J. F. Woodruff, for the second day of the Association.

The morning session was adjourned at 12:00 noon for lunch.

The Association for the afternoon session was called to order by Rev. J. L. Powers, and Rev. Roy Franklin led the devotional.

REPORT ON BIBLICAL RECORDER

Jesus said we are to be a witness for Him in this world.

If we are to be a witness for Him, we must know something about Him. If we are to know something about Him, we must study. The Bible tells us to "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed."

If we should study, what should we study?

First, The Bible. Let us spend some time each day reading and studying the word of God, which is a lamp unto our feet and a light upon our path. If we are to be able to use the word of God, we must know something of the opportunities and needs in our world.

Our State Church paper, The Biblical Recorder, brings to us information about our work at home and abroad. It tells us what we

are doing and also the opportunities and needs in our churches, in our state and in the world.

Let us, as pastors, deacons, and Sunday School superintendents work to get The Biblical Recorder in every home in our church so we can be an informed people. The Recorder has three subscription plans: $2.50 a year for individual subscriptions; $2.00 a year in clubs of five members or more; $1.50 a year to churches send The Recorder to every family in the church.

It was urged that the Biblical Recorder be used by the churches. By the use of The Recorder, it was pointed out, the Baptists of North Carolina could keep abreast of the times and could compare what other churches were doing with what they themselves are doing.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. W. T. ROTH

Our Recorder is our oldest Baptist paper and one that has a glowing record.

REPORT ON HOME FOR THE AGING

Our North Carolina Baptist Home for the Aging at Winston-Salem is 18 months old now. It was first opened to residents on March 16, 1951. Wonderful progress has been made during this time under the leadership of Rev. James M. Hayes, Superintendent, Miss Edna Heinzerling, Supervisor and Dietitian, and Mrs. Ethel Fulghum, Assistant Supervisor. These are concerned with the physical, spiritual, and social life of each resident in the Home. Everyone who visits the Home is deeply impressed with the cleanliness and attractiveness of the building, its efficient management, the excellent food, and above all, the genuine happiness of the guests.

Soon after the opening of the Home, it was filled to capacity with 20 residents. To date, there have been close to 500 inquiries. There are approximately 100 applicants on the waiting list now for whom there is no room.

The Home is a nice three-story brick building which is equipped with an elevator. The interior of the building has been redecorated and furnished with new and attractive furniture. The grounds are also being made beautiful.

There is an encouraging prospect of getting the top floor of the present building completed, which will provide space for 15 more residents. Furniture has already been donated for the 15 rooms when they are completed. The cost of the enlargement project has been underwritten by a business man of Winston-Salem, who is not a Baptist. This same friend has already donated a television set, and has concreted the basement of the Home.

Our Home presents a great challenge to North Carolina Baptists to provide adequate facilities. There are probably 100,000 people in our State past 65 years of age, and a large number of these are of Baptist faith. We must make provision as time and finances permit for these aging Baptists. Since Baptists of our State now number more than 700,000 in membership, we are well able to make such provisions. If every Baptist would give an average of $1.00 to our Home in one year, we could raise $700,000 and not one person would suffer hardship. As soon as a practical and adequate plan of support can be agreed upon, it is reasonable to expect that our Baptist Home will be worthily supported.

I'm sure we are proud of the beginning that has been made in providing for our aging people, even though we were late in starting.

But I trust that it is just the beginning. North Carolina Baptists should in a few years provide for 1,000 aged people instead of the present 20.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. J. D. WYATT

Our beloved Rev. Jimmie Hayes of Winston-Salem rendered to the Association a very informative report on what was being done in Winston-Salem for the aging at our Baptist Home there. He stated that at the present time the home was completely filled and that there were applications for admittance but there was no vacancy. It was stressed that there was a definite need for expansion to take care of more of our aging Baptist people.

REPORT OF NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST HOSPITAL

For twenty-nine years our Baptist Hospital has sought to provide a Christian ministry of healing. The chief desire of the individual who is sick is to regain health and strength. The chief concern of the staff at the hospital is to help these people reach that goal through the ministry of healing. Thousands of sick people have been blessed through it. Without it many could not have received the care they needed.

Last year 10,491 persons were cared for as bed patients; 48,846 visits from 87 counties were made to the out-patient clinic. Almost half of these persons were service patients who paid no doctor bills and were provided free hospital care at a cost of $400,000. These service patients were provided 40,558 days of free hospital care.

This free service was made possible by our Mother's Day Offering, the Duke Endowment fund, Health and Welfare agencies and interested individuals. Even though these offerings and contributions have been good, many patients who desired and deserved financial assistance were deprived of it because the hospital lacked sufficient funds.

In addition to the trained personnel working in the hospital a great number of personnel are being trained each year as nurses, doctors, and technicians. The school of nursing is the second largest in North Carolina and has graduated 550 nurses. The medical school has an A-1 rating and gradutes about 50 doctors each year. Additional training is offered in laboratory technology, x-ray technology, medical records, librarians and anesthesia. Many of these graduates remain in North Carolina, while others go into other states and countries to carry on the Christian ministry of healing.

The growing Department of Religion provides Sunday School classes, Student Nurses classes, pastoral training classes, holds needed weekly services for doctors, nurses and medical students and carries the Gospel to the patients. Under this ministry many unsaved persons accept Christ, many weak and neglected Christian lives are renewed and many physical illnesses are hastened toward recovery.

With the addition of the new wing the hospital will be able to accommodate an additional 5,000 bed patients each year. Upon completion of the building the Baptist Convention will have put $1,500,000 into hospital buildings. True to Baptist belief, the Convention refused to accept $700,000 offered by the government, and voted to raise the needed amount from our 3,000 Baptist churches. A plan was formulated whereby each church could have a part. A suggested goal was set for each church based on their membership. The results were gratifying even though some have not reached their goal.

May the blessings of God be upon this great institution.

Respectfully submitted,
J. W. SHEPHERD

Dr. McGee of the North Carolina Baptist Hospital at Winston-Salem was present and gave the Association a report on what was being done at our Hospital for the Baptists and others. We are urged to remember our Hospital in our Mother's Day Offering.

Dr. M. A. Huggins of the North Carolina State Convention brought the closing address to the Association. He stressed the need of our cooperative program and called on the Baptist Churches to cooperate in every way possible with the program.

The following reports were given by the Resolutions Committee and the report of the Committee on Time, Place and Preacher.

REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS

WHEREAS, the Elkin Baptist Association met in this, its seventy-fourth annual session and enjoyed one of the greatest programs of its history, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby express our grateful appreciation to each one who had a part on the program, and,

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that we express our appreciation to those in particular who came to us from other places of distance to inform us about our great Baptist program in this our State and about our various institutions and their work, and,

BE IT RESOLVED FURTHER that we express sincere gratitude of our hearts to the Macedonia Baptist Church and to its pastor, Rev. Jessie Woodruff, and to the Oak Grove Baptist Church and its pastor, Rev. Gilbert Osborne, for their many kindnesses and courtesies extended to us, and,

BE IT RESOLVED FURTHER that we express our grateful gratitude and appreciation to those who labored and served so freely in preparing and serving the delicious meals we have enjoyed, and,

LET US ALL, THEREFORE, RESOLVE in our hearts that we will go away pledging ourselves to love and to serve our Blessed Savior more completely and wholeheartedly than ever before.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. JAMES IRVIN, Chairman
MRS. W. T. ROTH
MRS. J. D. WYATT

The following were appointed to represent the different departments of the Associational work for the coming year:

Sunday School Representative—Denver Holcomb.
Orphanage Representative—Mrs. Lester Holloway.
Home for Aging Representative—Mrs. J. D. Wyatt
Biblical Recorder Representative—Mrs. Roxie Roth
Hospital Representative—J. Livingston Williams
American Bible Society Representative—Rev. W. C. Guth.
Young People's Training Union Representative—Rev. J. D. Wyatt
Chairman on Evangelism—Rev. W. C. Guth

REPORT ON TIME, PLACE, AND PREACHER

Time: Thursday and Friday, September 24th and 25th, 1953.
Place: Thursday—Elkin Valley Baptist Church.
Friday—Pleasant Hill Baptist Church.
Preacher: Thursday—Rev. Gilbert Osborne; Rev. H. A. Byers, alternate.
Friday—Rev. E. P. Caudle; Rev. Woodrow Wishon, alternate.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. HOWARD FORD
MRS. W. C. GUTH
MRS. INEZ EDWARDS
MRS. W. W. DARNELL

The Association was adjourned by Rev. Howard Ford at 4:00 p. m.

CONSTITUTION

1. This Association shall be known as the Elkin Baptist Association, and shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches; each church being entitled to three delegates, and all regular ordained ministers as members ex officia.

2. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's Kingdom upon this earth.

3. The delegates thus selected should bear from each respective church a letter certifying their appointments, and communicating information relative to the state of the church and interest thereof.

4. The Association just formed shall elect, by ballot, a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall continue in office for one year, and until others are chosen. The last two offices may be held by the same individual.

5. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside at meetings of business; to keep order during each session; to decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the house by any member and to perform all other duties pertaining to his office.

6. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a faithful and correct record of all the proceedings of each session of the Association and keep a minute of each session and to perform other duties assigned to him by the Association.

7. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to keep a correct record of all the funds coming into the hands and report the same at the order of the Association.

8. There shall be a Committee of Arrangements consisting of five members, besides the Moderator and Clerk.

9. All letters or grievances or queries, together with all letters from corresponding associations requiring any attention thereon, shall be submitted to the Committee on Arrangements and reported back to the Association.

10. This body shall have no coersive power to exercise lordship over God's heritage, but shall only be considered as advisory council in all matters respecting the internal regulation of the churches.

11. When an offense may have been committed by one church against the other, or when a series of difficulties may have arisen in an individual church, it shall be the duty of the Association (after due labors have been had between the offending and offended church, or an individual church, as the case may be) to take the matter into consideration and advise upon.

12. The Association shall not maintain permanent fellowship towards any of her churches which neglect to institute and preserve Gospel order among her members, nor any of her churches or ministers that treat her constitution with contempt; but shall sustain with all her influence, such as promote Gospel principles and order.

13. It shall be the province of this Association to invite visiting and corresponding brethren to seats, who shall be entitled to speak on any point under discussion, but not to vote.

14. The Association shall be in all cases (except in matters pertaining to the constitution) be governed by a majority of the members present, and shall not adjourn until they have gone through the business of the Association, except in extraordinary cases.

15. Each church having an ordained or licensed minister shall report the same to the Association in order that they may appear as such in the face of the minutes.

16. The Association shall furnish the churches with the minutes of her proceedings; and it shall be the duty of the churches to enable her to do so.

17. The Association shall have a fund, created and sustained by voluntary contributions from the churches, which shall be held by the treasurer and subject to the disposition of a majority of the Association present at any annual session.

18. The Association shall hold an annual meeting at such time and place as the body may from time to time designate.

19. By appointment of the Association there may be an Introductory Missionary and Denominational sermon preached each annual session.

20. This Constitution may be altered or amended at any time, two thirds of the members present concurring.

21. The benevolent institutions of the day shall be no bar or test of fellowship, but all shall be free to sustain or not sustain as they choose.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2. The letters from the churches shall be read and the names of the delegates enrolled.

3. A Moderator and Clerk chosen by a majority of the members present.

4. Only one member shall speak at a time who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator; and while speaking shall not be interrupted by any member except the Moderator.

5. The members speaking shall strictly adhere to the subject, and use no words calculated to irritate.

6. No member shall abruptly break off or absent himself without leave of the Association.

7. No member shall speak more than three times upon one subject without leave of the Association.

8. No member shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of the Association, nor whispering in time of public speech.

9. No member of the Association shall address another in any other appellation than that of Brother.

10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member or prohibit him from speaking till he gives his light on the subject, unless he breaks this decorum.

11. The names of the several members of the Association shall be called by the Clerk as often as the Association requires.

12. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privileges as any other members, provided his seat be filled; and he shall have no vote, unless the Association be equally divided.

13. Queries presented by churches shall be attended to by the Association.

14. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

15. Any member who shall willingly and knowingly break any of these rules shall be reproved by the Association, as they shall think proper.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in only one true and living God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost and these three are one.

2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the words of God, and the only rules of Faith and Practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of Election by grace.

4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin, and in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature by his own free will or ability.

5. We believe that sinners are called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit and that all who are thus regenerated are born again by the Spirit of God, shall never fall finally away.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God by imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.

7. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only subjects of those ordinances; and we believe that the only true mode of Baptism is by immersion.

8. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment, and that the joys of righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

9. We believe that no minister has the right to administer the ordinances of the Gospel, except such as are regularly called, and come under the imposition of hands by the Presbytery.

OUR DEPARTED ONES

COOL SPRINGS
- Mrs. Vertie Wishon
- Mrs. Martha Ingool
- Mrs. Martha Swaim

ELKIN FIRST BAPTIST
- Mrs. Jack Wall
- Mr. J. F. Mosley

ELKIN VALLEY
- Mrs. Sarah Turner

LITTLE ELKIN
- Mr. V. G. Love

MINERAL SPRINGS
- Mr. Bob Hemric

MOUNT PLEASANT
- Mr. Floyd Carlton
- Mrs. Alice Carter

OAK GROVE
- Mrs. S. E. Wyatt

PLEASANT HILL
- Mr. Gilvin Couch
- Mr. Ransom Shore
- Mr. Clyde Couch
- Mrs. Glenn Wood

POPLAR SPRINGS
- Mr. Isaac Nance (deacon)

ROCK CREEK
- Mr. Harrison Wood
- Mrs. Clemmie Brewer

RONDA
- Rev. L. M. Cook (Pastor)
- Mr. David Byrd

SHOALY BRANCH
- Mr. Clinton Newman
- Mr. Littleton Calhoun Carter
- Mrs. Mattie Elizabeth Carter
- Mrs. Rebecca Smith Lowe

WEST ELKIN
- Mr. Jimmy Laffoon
- Mr. C. W. Young (deacon)
- Mrs. Alice Byrd

WHITE PLAINS
- Mr. C. A. Waddell

TABLE I — CHURCH AND MEMBERSHIP

CHURCHES	Location, Rural V-T-C	Date Organized	Dates of Meeting	PASTORS AND ADDRESSES	Baptisms	Letters and other additions	Loss by Death, Transfer	Total Resident Members	Total Non-Resident Mem.	Grand Total Present Mem.	Revival Meetings Held	Number Tithers
Bessie's Chapel	R	1935	2nd, 4th	W. B. Luffman, North Wilkesboro	2	.....	1	51	15	66	2	.....
Center	R	1839	1st, 3rd	Carl Cockerham, Roaring River	.....	.....	.....	37	39	76	1	.....
Cool Springs	R	1805	2nd, 3rd, 4th	C. B. Mikles, East Bend	.....	2	28	236	.....	236	2	.....
East Elkin	C	1921	Full	E. G. Jordan, Elkin	17	10	8	125	116	241	2	19
Elkin First	C	1889	Full	Howard J. Ford, Elkin	22	30	21	701	.....	701	1	.....
Elkin Valley	V	1914	Full	W. C. Guth, Elkin, Rt. 2	17	10	24	550	41	571	2	.....
Little Elkin	R	1905	2nd, 4th	Emmett Caudle, Yadkinville, Rt. 1	.....	5	8	146	103	249	1	.....
Macedonia	R	1876	2nd, 4th	J. F. Woodruff, Mt. Airy, Rt. 4	10	.....	3	186	53	239	2	.....
Maple Springs	R	1943	1st, 3rd	Martin Luffman, Ronda, Rt. 1	4	4	11	83	23	106	2	.....
Mineral Springs	T	1940	Full	L. E. Myers, Jonesville	18	11	9	305	.....	305	3	40
Mt. Pleasant	V	1887	Full	J. D. Wyatt, State Road	16	11	.....	124	89	213	2	.....
Oak Grove	R	1946	1st, 3rd	Gilbert Osborne, N. Wilkesboro, Rt. 1	.....	8	2	93	.....	93	2	2
Pleasant Hill	V	1897	Full	David W. Day, Elkin	9	12	10	591	50	641	2	50
Pleasant Home	R	1878	2nd, 4th	R. A. Call, N. Wilkesboro, Rt. 2	3	2	6	222	.....	222	2	.....
Poplar Springs	R	1885	1st, 3rd	Woodrow Wishon, State Road	7	.....	5	144	79	223	2	.....
Rock Creek	R	1849	2nd, 4th	A. B. Hayes, Hayes	21	8	6	183	113	296	1	12
Ronda	V	1889	1st, 3rd	Holman Byers, Ronda	.....	.....	13	108	60	168	.....	7
Shoaly Branch	R	1884	3rd	Fred R. Poplin, Jonesville	3	1	4	112	.....	112	2	.....
Union Hill	R	1948	2nd, 4th	Sam P. Jones, White Plains	.....	.....	.....	49	.....	49	1	6
West Elkin	T	1940	2nd, 4th	J. L. Powers, Elkin	2	7	17	86	41	127	2	4
White Plains	R	1843	1st, 3rd	George Walters, Elkin	24	1	4	200	20	220	2	.....

TABLE II — THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

CHURCHES	Sunday School Superintendents and Addresses	Cradle Roll	Nursery	Beginners	Primaries	Juniors	Intermediates	Young People	Adults	Extension Department	Officers, Classes, Depts.	Mission S. S. Enrollment	Grand Total, Sunday Sch.	January Bible Study	Number Training Schools	Vac. Bible Sch. Enroll.
Bessie's Chapel	B. T. Southerd, Elkin, Rt. 1				14	14	14	24	55				121	no		52
Center	Ovid Thompson, Thurmond			16		12	19		29		5		81	no		
Cool Springs	R. C. Harris, Elkin	7		16	9	20	27	16	55		3		153	no		94
East Elkin	Tommie Collins, Elkin			18	10	14	27	37	70		3		179	no		52
Elkin First	Hugh C. Salmons, Elkin		40	41	49	61	43	47	281	54	3		616	yes	2	196
Elkin Valley	H. A. Frye, Elkin		17	24	32	47	55	64	190		3	25	457	yes	1	118
Little Elkin	John Love, Jonesville			20	18	26	22		100		2		188	no		78
Macedonia	Ralph Tharpe, Ronda			20	12	24	21	11	47		2		137	yes		
Maple Springs	Luther Holbrook, Ronda				26	13		13	37				89	no		
Mineral Springs	Transou Boles, Jonesville		12	13	15	32	30	40	40		3		185	no		
Mt. Pleasant	Wm. A. Walters, State Road	12	11	13	19	19	10	16	80	14	4		198	yes		97
Oak Grove	C. G. Johnson, N. Wilkesboro, Rt. 2		6	6	4	12	17	16	33		6		100	no		50
Pleasant Hill	Phillip Ray, Elkin		15	29	41	45	62	31	220		5		448	yes		179
Pleasant Home	Garvey Cheek, Roaring River			21		16	16	27	45				125	no		
Poplar Springs	Kelly Ray, State Road												218			
Rock Creek	Ulius Childress, N. Wilkesboro			24	23	28	19	31	47				172	no		84
Ronda	L. H. Petree, Ronda	12		11	24	21	23		61	1			143	no		70
Shoaly Branch	O. H. Gentry, Elkin				12		10	12	17				51	no		
Union Hill	J. D. Shores, Thurmond			15		8		17	19				59	no		
West Elkin	J. W. Shepherd, Elkin		7	13	12	12	8	10	45				107	no		48
White Plains	Lester Prevette, Roaring River			20		20	30	35	38		7		150	no		110

TABLE III — TRAINING UNION

CHURCHES	TRAINING UNION DIRECTORS AND ADDRESSES	No. Beginner Units	No. Primary Units	No. Junior Units	No. Intermediate Units	No. Young People Units	Adult Units	Total Number Units	Beginners Enrolled	Primaries Enrolled	Juniors Enrolled	Intermediates Enrolled	Young People Enrolled	Adults Enrolled	General Officers Enrolled	Grand Total Enrolled	Average Attendance
Cool Springs	Mrs. Paul Newman, Elkin	1	....	1	....	1	1	4	11	....	10	....	33	28	6	88	52
East Elkin	Mrs. Burrus Gray, Jonesville	1	1	1	1	1	1	6	8	8	9	6	5	12	2	42	30
Elkin First	Mrs. James H. Miller, Elkin	1	....	1	1	1	1	5	6	....	15	23	21	13	3	81	50
Elkin Valley	Mrs. Garvey Chambers, Elkin	....	....	1	1	1	1	4	....	....	13	22	15	21	5	76	51
Little Elkin	Mrs. Carolyn Byrd, Elkin	1	....	1	1	....	2	5	10	....	16	20	....	34	3	83	45
Macedonia	Mr. Fenny Anthony, Roaring River	1	1	1	1	....	1	5	8	10	20	17	....	20	2	77	44
Mineral Springs	Mrs. Linda Underwood, Elkin	1	....	1	1	....	1	4	10	....	17	22	....	22	2	73	59
Mt. Pleasant	Mr. Oliver Walters, State Road	1	....	1	1	....	1	4	8	....	14	7	....	20	2	51	27
Pleasant Hill	Mr. Denver Holcomb, Elkin	1	1	2	1	1	3	9	5	13	38	33	11	48	5	153	95
Poplar Springs	Mr. Frank Adams, State Road	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	6	90	60
West Elkin	Mr. Ralph Cockerham, Elkin	1	....	1	1	1	1	5	13	....	13	12	8	14	6	60	39

TABLE IV — WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

CHURCHES	PRESIDENTS OF W.M.S. AND ADDRESSES	W. M. S. Units	Y. W. A. Units	G. A. Units	R. A. Units	Sunbeam Units	Total Units	W. M. S. Enrolled	Y. W. A. Enrolled	G. A. Enrolled	R. A. Enrolled	Sunbeam Enrolled	Total Enrolled	Enrolled in Mission Study	Total Tithers
East Elkin	Mrs. G. W. Creed, Elkin	1	...	...	...	1	2	14	...	...	...	20	34	...	4
Elkin First	Mrs. Ted Griffin, Elkin	1	1	2	1	1	6	217	12	23	18	28	298	111	107
Elkin Valley	Mrs. Lester Hollaway, Elkin	1	1	2	2	1	7	76	14	39	32	15	176	105	75
Mineral Springs	Mrs. Rufus Wilmoth, Jonesville	1	...	1	...	1	3	19	...	14	...	19	52	27	14
Mt. Pleasant	Mrs. Paul Cochrane, State Road	1	1	1	1	...	4	25	7	15	8	...	55	...	...
Poplar Springs	Mrs. Reba Nance, State Road	1	...	...	...	...	1	20	...	...	...	...	20	...	...
Rock Creek	Mrs. Lester Johnson, Hayes	1	...	1	1	...	3	16	...	12	6	...	34	20	6
Ronda	Mrs. Ruel Pardue, Ronda	1	...	...	...	...	1	16	...	...	...	...	16	16	4
West Elkin	Mrs. Mae Dockery, Elkin	2	...	...	...	1	3	19	...	...	...	16	35	19	4

TABLE V — GIFTS GIVEN THROUGH THE CHURCH

CHURCHES	TREASURERS AND ADDRESSES	Local Gifts (Excluding Pastor's Salary)	Pastor's Salary	Cooperative Program	Associational Missions	Designated State Missions	Designated Home Missions	Designated Foreign Missions	Christian Education Schools	Orphan's Home	Designated Hospitals	Relief and Annuity, Relief, Etc.	Total Mission Gifts	Grand Total Gifts For All Causes
Bessie's Chapel	Gaither Wall, Elkin, R1	108.00	542.00	7.00						92.00	12.00		112.00	762.00
Center	Miss Arleen Wood, Thurmond	394.00	91.00							10.00	12.00		22.00	507.00
Cool Springs	Mrs. Paul Newman, Elkin	3,484.00	1,050.00	38.00						150.00	70.00	120.00	387.00	4,921.00
East Elkin	Mrs. Margaret Cooke, Elkin	3,341.00	2,166.00			16.00	33.00	37.00	50.00	50.00	51.00	1,226.00	1,464.00	6,973.00
Elkin First	T. L. Parnell, Elkin	49,837.00	5,000.00	6,250.00	45.00	234.00	153.00	256.00		600.00	222.00	160.00	7,921.00	62,759.00
Elkin Valley	G. C. Cooper, Elkin	16,876.00	4,317.00	574.00		225.00	375.00	990.00	185.00	240.00	128.00	621.00	3,341.00	24,537.00
Little Elkin	Claude E. Key, Ronda	2,961.00	2,265.00			30.00	425.00	18.00	21.00	52.00	15.00		562.00	6,088.00
Macedonia	Mrs. Grady Dimette, Ronda	1,123.00	644.00	102.00		32.00	26.00			164.00	61.00		387.00	2,154.00
Maple Springs	E. V. Pardue, Ronda	1,291.00	152.00								10.00			1,454.00
Mineral Springs	Charles Casstevens, Jonesville	7,213.00	2,945.00	22.00		32.00	251.00	68.00	37.00	50.00	75.00		535.00	10,694.00
Mt. Pleasant	J. Ralph Gentry, State Road	4,872.00	3,380.00	70.00		54.00	70.00	135.00	100.00	50.00	113.00	207.00	800.00	9,053.00
Oak Grove	Mrs. Wake Watts, N. Wilkesboro, R2	1,410.00	600.00	3.00					24.00	176.00	25.00		229.00	2,239.00
Pleasant Hill	E. F. Yarborough, Elkin, R2	8,890.00	4,361.00	395.00		196.00	50.00	60.00	100.00	434.00	400.00		1,635.00	14,887.00
Pleasant Home	W. B. Edwards, Roaring River	598.00	554.00							87.00	31.00		118.00	1,271.00
Poplar Springs	Conrad Gambill, State Road	833.00	1,187.00			58.00				247.00			341.00	2,362.00
Rock Creek	Van Durham, N. Wilkesboro, R2	1,058.00	441.00	27.00	3.00	21.00	33.00	25.00	171.00	15.00	30.00	496.00	822.00	3,146.00
Ronda	R. C. Martin, Ronda	870.00	720.00	6.00		21.00	20.00	52.00	19.00		16.00	241.00	375.00	1,966.00
Shoaly Branch	James A. Martin, Elkin	1,719.00	300.00				34.00				20.00	21.00	76.00	2,095.00
Union Hill	Miss Margaret Kennedy, Thurmond	760.00	231.00							104.00	25.00		129.00	1,120.00
West Elkin	Clyde Copeland, Elkin	7,831.00	715.00	18.00	5.00	10.00	20.00	15.00		48.00	58.00		175.00	8,721.00
White Plains	Clay Alexander, Roaring River	1,506.00	684.00			17.00				30.00	15.00		61.00	2,252.00

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EAST ELKIN—Mrs. Nancy Gray, Mrs. Marie Bryant, Mrs. Lottie Burch, Mason P. Burcham. Alternates: Mrs. Carson Freeman, Mrs. Phillip Mauldin.

ELKIN FIRST—Mrs. E. C. James, Mrs. James Miller, Mrs. Howard Ford, Mrs. F. A. Brendle, Mrs. George Chatham. Alternates: Mrs. W. T. Roth, J. L. Williams, Mrs. C. R. Alexander, Mrs. J. C. Brown, Mrs. Esther Ray.

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MINERAL SPRINGS—Rev. E. L. Myers, Herman Alexander, Joel Johnson, Leonard Holleman, Alvis Swaim. Alternates: Leslie Carrico, Lorene Ingool, Linda Underwood.

MT. PLEASANT—Walter Carter, Mrs. Charlie Freeman, Mrs. James Carlton. Alternates: Mrs. J. D. Wyatt, Mrs. T. M. Eldridge, Mrs. James Irvin.

OAK GROVE—O. C. Bauguess, J. E. Elmore, C. G. Johnson. Alternates: Mrs. O. C. Bauguess, Mrs. J. E. Elmore, Mrs. C. G. Johnson.

PLEASANT HILL—Rev. David W. Day, Joe Cockerham, Phillip Ray, Von Byrd, Claude Ray. Alternates: Bessie Gilliam, Cora Day, Leona Myers, Charlie Couch, Mozelle Couch, Kermit Darnell, C. H. Day.

PLEASANT HOME—John Q. Burcham, John Edwards, Garvie Cheek. Alternates: Harrison Johnson, Ronald Edwards, Mitch Church.

POPLAR SPRINGS—S. B. Mooney, Paul Nance, Percy Eldridge. Alternates: Mrs. S. B. Mooney, Mrs. Paul Nance, Mrs. Ella Eldridge.

ROCK CREEK—Eugene Sebastian, Earl Wiles, Ulesse Childress. Alternates: Eulala Johnson, Estelle Wood, Ina Brewer.

RONDA—Mrs. G. F. Golliher, L. H. Petree, Clyde Dimmette. Alternates: E. D. Byrd, Mrs. Hobson Blackburn, Mrs. Roy Crater.

SHOALY BRANCH—Jim White, O. H. Gentry, George Smith, Jr., Mrs. Jim White, Mrs. O. H. Gentry, Mrs. George Smith, Jr. Alternates: Mrs. Maynard Harris, James A. Martin, Mrs. James A. Martin.

UNION HILL—Oscar Sidden, Mrs. Mattie Sidden, Mrs. Hazel Money, Mrs. Dorothy Calloway, Reid Nixon.

WEST ELKIN—Ralph Cockerham, Ed Murphy, Morrison Snow, John Smith, Mrs. C. W. Young. Alternates: Mrs. Ralph Cockerham, Mrs. Ed Murphy, Mrs. Morrison Snow, Mrs. John Smith, Mrs. Mae Dockery.

WHITE PLAINS—Paul Byrd, Rom Wood, Will Jolly, Clay Alexander. Alternates: Mrs. Paul Byrd, Mrs. Rom Wood, Mrs. Will Jolly, Mrs. Clay Alexander.

CONSTITUTION

1. This Association shall be known as the Elkin Baptist Association, and shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches; each church being entitled to three delegates, and all regular ordained ministers as members ex officia.

2. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's Kingdom upon this earth.

3. The delegates thus selected should bear from each respective church a letter certifying their appointments, and communicating information relative to the state of the church and interest thereof.

4. The Association just formed shall elect, by ballot, a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall continue in office for one year, and until others are chosen. The last two offices may be held by the same individual.

5. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside at meetings of business; to keep order during each session; to decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the house by any member and to perform all other duties pertaining to his office.

6. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a faithful and correct record of all the proceedings of each session of the Association and keep a minute of each session and to perform other duties assigned to him by the Association.

7. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to keep a correct record of all the funds coming into the hands and report the same at the order of the Association.

8. There shall be a Committee of Arrangements consisting of five members, besides the Moderator and Clerk.

9. All letters or grievances or queries, together with all letters from corresponding associations requiring any attention thereon, shall be submitted to the Committee on Arrangements and reported back to the Association.

10. This body shall have no coersive power to exercise lordship over God's heritage, but shall only be considered as advisory council in all matters respecting the internal regulation of the churches.

11. When an offense may have been committed by one church against the other, or when a series of difficulties may have arisen in an individual church, it shall be the duty of the Association (after due labors have been had between the offending and offended church, or an individual church, as the case may be) to take the matter into consideration and advise upon.

12. The Association shall not maintain permanent fellowship towards any of her churches which neglect to institute and preserve Gospel order among her members, nor any of her churches or ministers that treat her constitution with contempt; but shall sustain with all her influence, such as promote Gospel principles and order.

13. It shall be the province of this Association to invite visiting and corresponding brethren to seats, who shall be entitled to speak on any point under discussion, but not to vote.

14. The Association shall be in all cases (except in matters pertaining to the constitution) be governed by a majority of the members present, and shall not adjourn until they have gone through the business of the Association, except in extraordinary cases.

15. Each church having an ordained or licensed minister shall report the same to the Association in order that they may appear as such in the face of the minutes.

16. The Association shall furnish the churches with the minutes

of her proceedings, and it shall be the duty of the churches to enable her to do so.

17. The Association shall have a fund, created and sustained by voluntary contributions from the churches, which shall be held by the treasurer and subject to the disposition of a majority of the Association present at any annual session.

18. The Association shall hold an annual meeting at such time and place as the body may from time to time designate.

19. By appointment of the Association there may be an Introductory Missionary and Denominational sermon preached each annual session.

20. This Constitution may be altered or amended at any time, two thirds of the members present concurring.

21. The benevolent institutions of the day shall be no bar or test of fellowship, but all shall be free to sustain or not sustain as they choose.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

2. The letters from the Churches shall be read and the names of the delegates enrolled.

3. A Moderator and Clerk chosen by a majority of the members present.

4. Only one member shall speak at a time who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator; and while speaking shall not be interrupted by any member except the Moderator.

5. The members speaking shall strictly adhere to the subject, and use no words calculated to irritate.

6. No member shall abruptly break off or absent himself without leave of the Association.

7. No member shall speak more than three times upon one subject without leave of the Association.

8. No member shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of the Association, nor whispering in time of public speech.

9. No member of the Association shall address another in any other appellation than that of Brother.

10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member or prohibit him from speaking till he gives his light on the subject, unless he breaks this decorum.

11. The names of the several members of the Association shall be called by the Clerk as often as the Association requires.

12. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privileges as any other members, provided his seat be filled; and he shall have no vote, unless the Association be equally divided.

13. Queries presented by churches shall be attended to by the Association.

14. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

15. Any member who shall willingly and knowingly break any of these rules shall be reproved by the Association, as they shall think proper.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in only one true and living God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost and these three are one.

2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the words of God, and the only rules of Faith and Practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of Election by grace.

4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin, and in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature by his own free will or ability.

5. We believe that sinners are called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit and that all who are thus regenerated are born again by the Spirit of God, shall never fall finally away.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God by imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.

7. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only subjects of those ordinances; and we believe that the only true mode of Baptism is by immersion.

8. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment, and that the joys of righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

9. We believe that no minister has the right to administer the ordinances of the Gospel, except such as are regularly called, and come under the imposition of hands by the Presbytery.

PROCEEDINGS
Of The
SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION
Of The
ELKIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
Held With The
ELKIN VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH
September 24, 1953
And
PLEASANT HILL BAPTIST CHURCH
September 25, 1953

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION — 10:00 A. M.

The Elkin Association was declared in session by the moderator, Rev. Howard J. Ford.

Rev. W. C. Guth led the song service accompanied by Mrs. Robert Transou.

The devotional service was conducted by Rev. W. C. Guth.

Visitors recognized—Rev. J. C. Pipes, State Representative, Mr. Lawson Allen, representing Gardner-Webb College, Rev. R. E. Adams, Pilot Mountain Association, J. P. Morgan, State Training Union Director, and W. P. Biggerstaff, representing the Allied Church League.

Letters were called for and the messengers recognized.

The following Committees were appointed. Resolutions Committee: Mrs. J. W. Shepherd, Miss Marjorie Key and Rev. E. G. Jordan. Time, Place and Preacher Committee: Earl C. James, L. H. Petree, Mrs. Raymond Johnson and Rev. L. E. Myers.

The following report, presented by Rev. W. C. Guth, was accepted.

REPORT ON EVANGELISM

Because of the Saviour's compassion for the souls of men, and His emphasis upon winning the same to Himself, the work of evangelism in the North Carolina Baptist Convention, as headed by our beloved and capable leader, Dr. J. C. Canipe, is one of, if not, the greatest of our North Carolina Baptist Convention enterprises.

Many a lagging church has taken a new and vigorous stride upon the pastor's attendance of one of the annual conferences on evangelism. Unless providentially hindered no pastor of this Association or any other Association can afford not to attend the next such conference which is to be held at the First Baptist Church, Charlotte, February 8-10. We are happy to report that several pastors of this Association have attended the last such conference held at High Point.

Because of the revival meetings held and the souls being saved, the forward trend looks quite encouraging. The spirit and interest of evangelism was shown at the Baptist Union Revival meeting with Dr. J. C. Canipe doing the preaching. Fourteen Baptist churches in and around Jonesville and Elkin cooperated in this campaign. This revival has made a great impact for Christ in this section. The co-

operating churches were greatly benefitted in being reminded again of the need of more evangelistic efforts necessary in the respective church fields; thus mentally and spiritually preparing them for doing their part in "Winning a Million More in 54."

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. GUTH

The following report, presented by Mrs. Paul Cochrane, was accepted.

MISSIONS REPORT

Due to the uncertainty of peace and the tense situation that prevails in the world today, it is imperative we stress the need of Missions more than ever. The growth and strength of each of our Mission Boards; State, Home and Foreign, depends upon us as individuals. As we know, The Great Commission is the marching orders of Christ's Church and applies to each of us.

How we urgently need to make Missions the task of the whole Church. With Communism and Roman Catholicism steadily growing and claiming the minds and hearts of millions, we Christians need to wake up and get busy for our Lord. Let us propagate the Gospel of Jesus Christ everywhere, and be willing to die for our cause, even as they.

Southern Baptists operate their Mission Program on a very econical basis. Even so, our greatest need is more money to support the volunteers, who are now waiting to go, and can't be sent for lack of funds.

Next to giving, in importance, is our attitude toward the minority groups in our country—Negroes, Indians, and other nationalities. Again, as individuals, we can do something about this. We can have our hearts so full of love for all people, that there will be no room for prejudice.

Let's start Missions with our young people, that they may make Missions their supreme motive in life. We need greater vision to see "Fields white unto harvest," so we will pray more, and give more to make Jesus known.

MRS. PAUL M. COCHRANE

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. J. C. Pipes spoke to the report on Evangelism and Missions. He reminded those present that money is "coined man."

The Treasurer's report, presented by Mrs. Earl James, was accepted.

Special music by the Elkin Valley Trio.

Rev. H. A. Byers of the Ronda Baptist Church brought the Associational sermon.

Adjourned for lunch at 12:30 p. m.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION — 1:30 P. M.

The afternoon session opened with the singing of "Amazing Grace."

Rev. David Cockerham, Shoaly Branch Baptist Church, conducted the devotional service.

A skit entitled "Miss Anti-Missionary Society" was presented by Mrs. W. C. Guth and Mrs. Raymond Johnson.

The following report, presented by Mrs. W. C. Guth, was accepted.

REPORT OF ELKIN W. M. U.

With the words of John, "Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest," as our missionary challenge for the past year, the women of Elkin W. M. U. have gone forward in their work for Christ.

We regret that we have been unable to organize any new women's organizations in other churches of our association, but we do rejoice in the improvement of the quality of the work, both among the women and the young people's organizations. There was an increase of two young people's organizations over last year. We now have two churches with full-graded W. M. U.'s—which means they have one or more organization for each age group.

We have 407 women enrolled in the eight W. M. U.'s. Of this number a little more than 43% are listed as tithers. This is reflected in our total special offerings which amounted to $1830.27. In addition to this, our young people gave $268.36 to these special offerings.

A number of women attended the Institute at Fruitland last fall resulting in more efficient work for the past year. A very successful Annual Meeting was held at West Elkin Church in April with Mrs. John Wacaster, State W. M. U. Field Worker, and Miss Bertha Wallis of the Home Mission Board bringing challenging messages to our women. We had four of our churches represented at the State W. M. U. meeting in Wilmington, which was an excellent representation considering the distance from home. We find the inspirations received at these meetings reflected in the work of our individual societies as the women pass on to others the spirit of zeal for greater things.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. W. C. GUTH

The nominating committee reported and the following were elected:

Moderator—Rev. Howard J. Ford.
Vice-Moderator—Rev. David W. Day.
Clerk—Mrs. H. A. Frye.
Sunday School Representative—Denver Holcomb.
Orphanage Representative—Mrs. Lester Holloway.
Home for Aging Representative—Mrs. J. D. Wyatt.
Biblical Recorder Representative—Mrs. W. T. Roth.
Hospital Representative—J. Livingston Williams.
American Bible Society Representative—Rev. W. C. Guth.
Training Union Director—Rev. J. D. Wyatt.
Chairman on Evangelism—Rev. W. C. Guth.
W. M. U. Representative—Mrs. W. C. Guth.

Committee,
J. L. POWERS, Chairman
DAVID DAY
W. C. GUTH

The following report, presented by Rev. J. D. Wyatt, was accepted.

REPORT ON TRAINING UNION

For a Baptist church to fulfill its God-given mission, a well-organized, functioning Training Union is essential. It undergirds and

strengthens every other organization and activity in the church. Through its ministry, the members are prepared to be better leaders and workers.

The Elkin Associational Training Union held four mass meetings during the year. The average attendance was 185. There are 12 churches with Training Unions at the present time, and nine churches without Training Unions. This is a gain of one new Training Union from last year.

Any church, regardless of size or location, can have a Training Union. We hope that several new Training Unions will be organized during the next year. Any of the Associational Training Union leaders will be glad to assist in any way possible.

Respectfully submitted,
J. D. WYATT

James Morgan, State Representative, spoke to the report. He gave three reasons for attending Training Union. They are:

1. Christian Witnessing.
2. Intelligence
3. Influence.

The Association joined in singing "Faith of Our Fathers."

The Memorial Service was conducted by Mrs. J. W. Shepherd.

MEMORIAL TO DECEASED MEMBERS

"And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them."

Mighty oaks from small acorns grow. Once acorns, as babes in Christ, many of these, our members, strengthened by the Holy Spirit grew and waxed strong in their faith and belief. Their branches spread within their churches and over their community, making life more pleasant for those who came in contact with them.

These mighty oaks have been hewn down, but their influence and sowing of good seed will ever be in our remembrance.

Asleep in Jesus! blessed sleep,
From which none ever wakes to weep;
A calm and undisturbed repose,
Unbroken by the last of foes.

W. P. Biggerstaff, representing Allied Church League spoke to the Association. He stated the fact that more young people were employed in the selling of strong drinks than were enrolled in our Colleges.

Rev. Tommy Luffman led the closing prayer as the Association adjourned until tomorrow, Friday morning.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION — 10:00 A. M.

The morning session opened with the hymn "Near the Cross," led by W. C. Guth accompanied by Mrs. Howard Ford.

Rev. L. E. Myers led the devotional service. Rev. W. C. Guth offered the opening prayer.

Visitors recognized—C. W. Bazemore, representing The Biblical Recorder; D. P. Brooks, Sunday School Representative; Rev. J. M. Hayes, Home for the Aging; M. H. Kendall, Mars Hill Representative.

The following report, presented by Mrs. W. T. Roth, was accepted.

REPORT ON BIBLICAL RECORDER

Christian literature is a tremendous force in the lives of our people today. In our own country virtually all persons read. What they read is largely what they BELIEVE. Glorious opportunities are ours to crusade for Christian literature. If we do fail to meet such opportunities, our Baptist people and Baptist work will suffer untold harm from little vision and lack of knowledge.

In days of old, the prophet Hosea said, "My people perish for lack of knowledge." Today the devil is exploiting as never before, the power of the printed word. The mails, the newsstands, and too many homes, are loaded with the ugly tide of bad books, and magazines cleverly designed to delude people; to promote cheap diversions; to glorify worldliness; to encourage Sabbath-breaking and liquor sales with all its attendant evils and to undermine Christianity.

To meet this evil flood of bad literature, we have a marvelous array of well printed, sound Baptist periodicals, Sunday School and other Christian publications for every age. Perhaps no denomination is America has so fine a selection of Christian literature as Southern Baptists have today. The aim of it all is to inform, enlist, indoctrinate, unify, and inspire our people for faithful service in our Lord's name. Our Christian literature MUST be magnified and promoted in all churches if God's work is to go forward.

In our own state, the BIBLICAL RECORDER is the one publication covering the entire field of our co-operative efforts as Baptists. Without our State Baptist paper, a successful promotion of all our Baptist work would be well-nigh impossible. For 120 years the RECORDER has been going into Baptist homes with its weekly message. Wise Pastors, associational missionaries, Sunday School superintendents and many other leaders have over the years promoted its circulation and have rejoiced at the many visible fruits of good reading. People do more when they know more. As they read, they lead. As they are informed, they are inspired. In 1830 North Carolina Baptists were organized with the stated purpose of "promoting missions, education, social service, and the distribution of sound religious literature."

Buy the truth, and sell it not; also wisdom, and instruction, and understanding. Proverbs 23:23.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. W. T. ROTH

C. W. Bazemore, representing the BIBLICAL RECORDER, spoke to the report. He urged the Association to give God's message to people so they will be Baptists sooner or later.

The Association joined in singing "Break Thou The Bread Of Life."

The following report, presented by Denver Holcomb, was accepted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday School is being recognized more this year than ever before as the chief agency of the churches in evangelism, teaching and enlistment. The major emphasis for Baptist churches for 1953-54 is the effort to enroll a million more people in Sunday School in one year. Right of way has been granted for this, the greatest Sunday School enlargement program in the history of the world. As a result of this program, it is confidently expected that

there will be substantial increases in baptisms, offerings and Christian homes.

We are reporting in our association this year 21 Sunday Schools with an enrollment of 3,920.

Your committee makes the following recommendations: (1) That the association approve the effort of Baptists to enroll "A Million More in '54," and commend to the churches the practical plans for accomplishing this worthy objective. (2) A date be observed as Preparation Week in the Churches. It is recommended that the new book, "The Pull of the People," be taught in the churches. (3) That regular Sunday School meetings be held this year for the purpose of helping and inspiring the churches to greater zeal in reaching the multitudes for Bible study. (4) That the association seek to do its full share in enrolling "A Million More in '54," by trying to enroll at least 20% more people in Sunday Schools in the year October 1953-October 1954. (5) Encourage class Sunday Schools to "move up" to department schools wherever possible. (6) That the churches call on the Baptist Sunday School Department in Raleigh for any help with reference to remodeling old church buildings or building new structures.

Respectfully submitted,
DENVER HOLCOMB

Mr. D. P. Brooks spoke to the report. He stressed the need for more graded Sunday Schools.

The following report, presented by Mrs. J. D. Wyatt, was accepted.

REPORT FOR HOME FOR THE AGING

Last year we referred to our Baptist Home for the Aging as "Our Baby." Well, "Our Baby" is growing and seems to be developing nicely. Besides our home in Winston-Salem, that we know as Resthaven, we now have a branch home for aging people at Albemarle. At the meeting of the Board of Trustees on May 19, 1953, the decision was made to purchase the Yadkin Hospital building to be used by the N. C. Baptist Homes, Inc. We were able to purchase the property at a surprisingly low cost. Our Board of Trustees felt that it was wise to purchase this property at Albemarle for several reasons. The chief reason being the opportunity to accommodate possibly 40 more residents than we now have at Resthaven. There are plans for other homes in Eastern and Western parts of the state. We feel that this will also place our aging friends, in many cases, nearer their homes.

Our N. C. Baptists have also purchased a 34-acre tract of land in Winston-Salem as a permanent site of their home for the aging.

The special offerings which were taken for Resthaven in February amounted to more than $50,000 which is most encouraging. Let's keep "Our Baby" growing with our interest and our gifts. The need of our aged people must not be ignored nor neglected.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. J. D. WYATT

Rev. Jimmie Hayes of Winston-Salem spoke to the report. He urged us to continue to support the home for the aging with our prayers and offerings.

A special prayer for Rev. David W. Day, who is seriously ill, was offered by the Rev. W. C. Guth.

Rev. E. P. Caudle, pastor of Little Elkin Baptist Church brought the Associational sermon and offered the closing prayer.

Adjourned for lunch at 12:30 p. m.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION — 1:30 P. M.

Rev. H. A. Byers conducted the devotional service.

The following report, presented by Rev. W. C. Guth, was accepted.

REPORT OF AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY

Silently muffled beneath the cry for food of the teaming millions of this war-torn world, is the pathetic and tragic heart cry for the living Word of God. Amos 8:12 tells about a day when "they shall run to and fro to seek the Word of the Lord, and shall not find it." Such a famine for God's word is being experienced by people of all nations in our time.

Ever since its beginning, the American Bible Society, in its limited way, has been endeavoring to supply the scriptures to the people throughout the world. The Society is not a self-supported institution, but is dependent upon the gifts and offerings of thousands of christian men and women and children and the various churches of the larger denominations for its support. Only thus can the Society make the Bible available to the spiritually hungry people of the world in their language and dialects.

The Bible as no other book, is the world's Book. Some of it has been translated into over 1,000 languages and the whole of it into 195. In it—its message and its Lord—lies the hope for this chaotic age; but most of the world does not possess this treasured Book. Therefore, it must be distributed widely, immediately, and continuously. Someone must make this the first business in life,—this one thing—the American Bible Society does. To attain its high ends, the Society has organized its work into five principal departments. (1) The aiding of translators, (2) the publishing of the Book, (3) The distributing of it, (4) The promotion of Bible use, (5) The supplying of the Bibles to the blind.

Each local church has a continuous responsibility before God for introducing the Scriptures to the people outside the reach of her own church field. Thus an annual offering or gift to the American Bible Society will make this stated obligation become a cherished, God honoring, fruitful ministry.

Respectfully submitted,
W. C. GUTH

The following report, presented by Dr. V. W. Taylor, was accepted.

REPORT OF THE RELIEF AND ANNUITY BOARD

The ever-increasing load on the Relief Department of the Relief and Annuity Board has become a cause of deep concern for the Relief and Annuity Board and for the state secretaries. With so many pastors retiring who have never joined the Ministers Retirement Plan, the problem has become acute.

There are more than 7,000 pastors over the southland who have refused or failed to join the Plan and as they retire, they ask to be placed on the relief roll. A careful study of the problem with the state secretaries during the past several months has resulted in a drastic change in policy. After December 31, pastors in active service who refuse to enter the Ministers Retirement Plan will no longer be eligible for assistance from the Relief Department. This Plan is the method of our denomination for taking care of its retired and disabled ministers. The denomination must have the cooperation of the pastor and his Church.

Every church should enter the Plan and urge its pastor to enroll without delay. Pastors lacking only a few years of retirement age

can, with the help of the denomination, earn for themselves small annuities. Your state secretary and his Relief Committee will take pleasure in recommending that these small annuities be supplemented by the Relief and Annuity Board. An intensive effort will be made during October, November, and December to enroll all active pastors in the Ministers Retirement Plan before December 31, 1953.

For information about the Plan and application blanks, write your state secretary.

Respectfully submitted,
DR. V. W. TAYLOR

The following reports were given by the Resolutions Committee and the Committee on Time, Place and Preacher.

REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS

BE IT RESOLVED that we: the officers, messengers and visitors, to this the seventy-fifth session of the Elkin Baptist Association, express our most sincere appreciation, by a rising vote, to the Elkin Valley Baptist Church and its pastor, Rev. W. C. Guth and to the Pleasant Hill Baptist Church and its pastor, Rev. David W. Day and all others who helped so graciously in preparing our meals and providing for our entertainment during the meeting of the association.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we express our appreciation to those who labored so freely in preparing and carrying out such a splendid program as we have enjoyed throughout the days of our association.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. J. W. SHEPHERD
REV. E. G. JORDAN
MISS MARJORIE KEY

REPORT ON TIME, PLACE, AND PREACHER

Time: Thursday and Friday, September 23 and 24, 1954.

Place: Thursday — Poplar Springs Baptist Church; Friday — Little Elkin Baptist Church.

Preacher: Thursday — Rev. J. L. Powers; Rev. E. G. Jordan, alternate; Friday — Rev. Woodrow Wishon, Rev. Gilbert Osborne, alternate.

Respectfully submitted,
EARL C. JAMES
L. H. PETREE
MRS. RAYMOND JOHNSON
REV. L. E. MYERS

The following report, presented by Mrs. James Miller, was accepted.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Christian education! How important it is in the life of our denomination, and the work of our Lord. The need of educated Christian leaders is ever before us. We see it in our churches, in business, in politics, in social work, in colleges, and universites, and in our communities. If souls are to be won and the word of the Lord proclaimed, we must prepare ourselves for that work.

Many young men and women, who have caught a vision of the needs of the world, are enrolled in our colleges and seminaries. We

as Southern Baptists support with our students and our money six seminaries and the Carver School of Mission and Social Work at Louisville, Ky. In addition to these seminaries there are 52 junior and senior colleges.

It is well for us to remember that only our seminaries receive financial support from the Southern Baptist Convention. The colleges and academies receive their support from the Conventions of the states in which they are located.

North Carolina Baptists have seven colleges. Two senior: Wake Forest and Meredith and five junior: Mars Hill, Gardner-Webb, Campbell, Wingate and Chowan.

These seven colleges have an annual operation budget of approximately $4,000,000. North Carolina Baptists, through the Cooperative Program, make available $400,000 to aid these colleges with their operating costs, which is exactly 10% of the total operating expenditures, or a little less than $100 per student for the year.

Thus far we have thought of ourselves as Southern Baptists and as North Carolina Baptists; now let us conclude this report with a reference to ourselves as Baptists within this particular Association. What do we know about these institutions of learning which we are helping to support? How many of our own Baptist boys and girls are being directed to these Baptist colleges, and what can we as parents pastors and church leaders do to emphasize the necessity for such a program of Christian education and provide that counseling and guidance that will result in more of our young people taking advantage of such training?

Let us continue to pray for our schools, colleges, and seminaries and encourage our boys and girls to attend them and to support them financially in their work.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. JAMES MILLER

Claude Gaddy was present and gave the Association a report on the large enrollments in our Baptist Colleges. We were urged to send our children to Baptist Colleges.

The following report, presented by J. Livingston Williams, was accepted.

REPORT OF NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST HOSPITAL

We are very proud of our Baptist Hospital at Winston-Salem and we, indeed, have a right to be proud. For thirty years our hospital has followed the two precepts of Christian teaching and healing. This follows the Master's plan that our Lord and Saviour followed when he was here on earth. Jesus turned no man away when he was in need of help, and in a great many instances the healing of the body preceded the spiritual help.

One outstanding example of healing the body was and is demonstrated by the Presbyterian Church in the country of Persia. Small hospitals have been set up and the human needs are administered to them. It is brought to the attention of the people that they can be helped spiritually. We, as Baptists, might well follow the same example.

It gives me a great deal of pleasure to tell you that the Elkin Baptist Association was the first association in the state to report a

100% goal by every church in their donations to our Baptist hospital. The Pleasant Hill Baptist Church led our association in contributions to the Baptist Hospital.

Respectfully submitted,
J. LIVINGSTON WILLIAMS

Dr. W. K. McGee was present. He told of the progress being made on the new wing at the Baptist Hospital.

The following report, presented by Mrs. Lester Holloway, was accepted.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE

Again your orphanage has moved forward in its ministry of Child Care. During the year we served a total of 728 children. In addition to this our Social Service Department helped to adjust 214 children with relatives, and thus prevented them from having to be cared for by the Institution. Your program includes Mills Home of Thomasville, Kennedy Home of Kinston, Mothers' Aid, and Boarding Homes. The Baptists of North Carolina probably provide more services for children than any other similar group in the nation.

Practically all of our many children developed normally. There was very little sickness and none of a serious nature. In the schools at Thomasville and La Grange they were well adjusted, and their records compare favorably with the average of all other children in these schools. Twenty-four were graduated from high school in June. We believe they will make a worthy contribution to their generation.

We have been particularly pleased with the spiritual development in our two Homes. During the year fifty professed faith in Christ and were baptised. Another thirty accepted Christ as Savior, but were not baptised until early in this year.

Added to our many other activities we have promoted the greatest building and renovating program in the history of the Orphanage. A new cottage, a new Print Shop, and a new Infirmary were completed in 1952. The I. G. Greer Recreational Building was finished early in 1953, and a beautiful new Church that will seat 580 people will be completed this year. Then we have completely remodeled some of the old cottages and made them into good living quarters for the children. This great building program was made possible by the money left to Mills Home by the late Robert M. Idol.

Truly we can say, "God is good to us, and through North Carolina Baptists He has lifted the burdens from the shoulders of many of our fine boys and girls."

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. LESTER HOLLOWAY

Mr. W. C. Reid was present, and told of the teamwork at the Orphanages between the children and the workers. The two Orphanages are: Child Centered, Christ Centered and Church Centered.

The Association was adjourned by W. C. Reed at 3:30 p. m.

IN MEMORIAM

CENTER
- Mr. J. F. Brewer
- Mr. Enoc Griffin

COOL SPRINGS
- Mrs. Myrtle Cockerham

EAST ELKIN
- Mr. Thomas McBride, Sr.

ELKIN FIRST
- Mrs. S. C. Bohannon
- Mrs. E. B. Lawrence
- Dr. M. A. Royall
- Mrs. Brancie Luffman
- Mr. J. I. Cockerham

ELKIN VALLEY
- Mr. Y. B. Johnson, (Deacon)
- Mrs. Aaron Collins
- Mrs. Lottie Hall

MACEDONIA
- Mr. Luther Hurt

MINERAL SPRINGS
- Mr. Chess McHargue
- Mr. Luther Morrison
- Mr. Lester Weatherman

MT. PLEASANT
- Mrs. Nancy Jane (Aunt Nan) Dickerson

PLEASANT HILL
- Mrs. E. F. Yarboro
- Mr. Paul Wood (Deacon)
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- Mrs. C. F. Rogers
- Mr. Flemon Holbrook
- Mr. Arlie Cockerham
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- Mr. Monroe Collins (Deacon)
- Mr. E. S. Couch (Deacon)
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ROCK CREEK
- Mr. N. F. Carpenter
- Mr. Frank Baldwin
- Mr. Claude Caudill
- Mr. J. W. Walker

SHOALEY BRANCH
- Mr. Joe Pardue (Deacon)

WEST ELKIN
- Mr. C. R. (Bud) Durham, Jr.
- Mr. Luther Cockerham

WHITE PLAINS
- Mr. W. M. Sparks (Deacon)
- Mrs. Ila Parks
- Mr. S. A. Sparks

TABLE I — CHURCH AND MEMBERSHIP

CHURCHES	Location, Rural V-T-C	Date Organized	Dates of Meeting	PASTORS AND ADDRESSES	Baptisms	Letters and other additions	Loss by Death, Transfer	Total Resident Members	Total Non-Resident Mem.	Grand Total Present Mem.	Revival Meetings Held	Number Tithers
Bessie's Chapel	R	1935	2, 4	W. B. Luffman, N. Wilkesboro, Rt. 2	1	4	2	60	10	70	....	.....
Center	R	1839	1, 3	Carl Cockerham, Roaring River	1	1	2	37	38	75	1	.....
Cool Springs	R	1805	2, 3, 4	C. B. Mikles, East Bend	23	3	4	258	.....	258	2	.....
East Elkin	C	1921	1, 3	E. G. Jordan, Elkin	4	4	8	126	115	241	2	19
Elkin First	C	1889	Full	Howard J. Ford, Elkin	12	26	37	702	.....	702	1	.....
Elkin Valley	V	1914	Full	W. C. Guth, Elkin, Rt. 2	10	9	20	545	23	568	1	165
Little Elkin	R	1905	2, 4	E. P. Caudle, Yadkinville	17	....	7	156	103	259	2	.....
Macedonia	R	1876	2, 4	J. F. Woodruff, Mt. Airy, Rt. 4	7	2	2	192	53	245	1	.....
Maple Springs	T	1943	1, 3	Martin Luffman, Ronda, Rt. 1	....	5	2	109	.....	109	2	2
Mineral Springs	T	1940	Full	L. E. Myers, Jonesville	6	5	9	241	66	307	2	30
Mt. Pleasant	V	1887	Full	J. D. Wyatt, State Road	3	5	10	122	92	214	2	.....
Oak Grove	R	1946	1, 3	Gilbert Osborne, N. Wilkesboro	....	....	6	87	.....	87	2	2
Pleasant Hill	V	1897	Full	David W. Day, Elkin	44	6	22	619	50	669	2	50
Pleasant Home	R	1878	2, 4	R. A. Call, N. Wilkesboro, Rt. 2	5	5	2	230	.....	230	2	.....
Poplar Springs	R	1885	1, 3	Woodrow Wishon, State Road	12	1	9	151	76	227	3	3
Rock Creek	R	1849	2, 4	A. B. Hayes, Hayes	....	....	10	190	108	298	....	12
Ronda	V	1889	2, 4	H. A. Byers, Ronda	4	13	3	140	72	212	2	7
Shoaly Branch	R	1884	2, 4	David Cockerham, Elkin, Rt. 2	....	4	3	117	.....	117	2	.....
Union Hill	R	1948	1, 3	Cecil Hooper, Elkin	....	....	....	49	.....	49	1	5
West Elkin	T	1940	2, 4	J. L. Powers, Elkin	1	3	4	74	54	128	2	.....
White Plains	R	1843	1, 3	George Walters, Elkin	....	....	4	200	25	225	1	.....

TABLE II — THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

CHURCHES	Sunday School Superintendents and Addresses	Cradle Roll	Nursery	Beginners	Primaries	Juniors	Intermediates	Young People	Adults	Extension Dept.	Officers of Classes, Depts.	Mission S. S. Enrollment	Grand Total S. S. Enroll.	January Bible Study	Vac. Bible Sch. Enroll.	Number Training Schools
Bessie's Chapel	B. T. Southard, Elkin, Rt. 1	....	....	20	....	12	18	21	66	....	....	....	137	no	....	....
Center	Ovid Johnson, Thurmond	....	....	20	....	10	12	....	25	....	5	....	72	no	....	....
Cool Springs	R. C. Harris, Elkin, Rt. 2	....	....	24	8	19	25	24	54	....	4	....	158	no	....	....
East Elkin	Mason P. Burcham, Elkin	....	....	15	10	20	10	47	57	....	3	....	162	no	38	....
Elkin First	L. F. Mathis, Elkin	11	38	40	55	59	37	48	285	46	3	....	622	yes	185	1
Elkin Valley	H. A. Frye, Elkin	....	22	28	36	42	60	60	166	....	4	....	418	yes	135	....
Little Elkin	John Love, Jonesville	....	....	12	15	18	18	18	80	....	3	....	164	no	....	....
Macedonia	Roy Felts, Ronda	....	....	11	15	16	14	16	45	....	2	....	119	no	40	....
Maple Springs	Ralph Pardue, State Road	....	....	....	21	11	....	10	25	....	....	....	67	no	....	....
Mineral Springs	Transou Boles, Jonesville	....	....	20	15	38	35	45	50	....	3	....	206	no	113	....
Mt. Pleasant	William A. Walters, St. Road	12	11	16	18	22	12	15	111	10	4	....	231	yes	89	1
Oak Grove	C. G. Johnson, N. Wilkes., Rt. 2	....	....	12	6	15	18	18	30	....	....	....	99	yes	35	....
Pleasant Hill	Phillip Ray, Elkin	....	25	29	41	45	62	31	225	....	5	....	463	yes	204	....
Pleasant Home	Harrison Johnson, Ronda, Rt. 2	....	....	14	....	16	7	23	33	23	....	....	116	no	....	....
Poplar Springs	Kelly Ray, State Road	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	261	no	....	....
Rock Creek	Ulesse Childress, N. Wilkes., Rt. 2	....	....	9	9	17	9	17	20	....	6	....	87	no	43	....
Ronda	L. H. Petree, Ronda	12	....	11	18	17	....	21	55	....	....	....	134	no	103	1
Shoaly Branch	J. H. White, State Road	....	....	....	19	20	....	11	26	....	....	....	76	no	....	....
Union Hill	H. Grady Money, Thurmond, Rt. 1	....	....	12	....	10	....	17	20	....	....	....	59	no	....	....
West Elkin	J. W. Shepherd, Elkin	....	7	12	13	8	6	6	41	....	....	....	93	no	46	....
White Plains	Paul Waddell, Roaring River	....	....	22	....	30	35	40	38	....	7	....	172	no	65	....

TABLE III — TRAINING UNION

CHURCHES	TRAINING UNION DIRECTORS AND ADDRESSES	No. Beginner Units	No. Primary Units	No. Junior Units	No. Intermediate Units	No. Young People Units	Adult Units	Total Number Units	Beginners Enrolled	Primaries Enrolled	Juniors Enrolled	Intermediates Enrolled	Young People Enrolled	Adults Enrolled	General Officers Enrolled	Grand Total Enrolled	Average Attendance
Cool Springs	Mrs. Paul Newman	1	....	1	....	1	1	4	11	....	12	....	24	22	4	73	....
East Elkin	Burrus Gray, Jonesville	....	....	1	....	1	1	3	....	....	10	....	6	16	2	34	28
Elkin First	Mrs. James H. Miller, Elkin	....	....	1	1	1	1	4	....	....	18	18	19	28	3	86	54
Elkin Valley	Mrs. Garvey Chambers, Elkin	1	....	1	1	1	1	5	5	....	13	22	17	20	6	83	52
Macedonia	Mrs. Ernest Edwards, Ronda	1	1	1	1	1	1	6	11	15	16	14	16	45	3	120	78
Mineral Springs	Mrs. Linda Underwood, Elkin	1	....	1	1	....	1	4	10	....	9	12	....	16	2	49	46
Mt. Pleasant	Oliver Walters, State Road	1	1	1	1	....	1	5	5	7	14	9	....	20	2	57	33
Pleasant Hill	Montie Potter, Elkin	1	....	2	1	1	3	8	8	....	20	19	8	54	4	113	93
Poplar Springs	Posie Steele, State Road	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	80	55
Ronda	Grace W. Golliher, Ronda	....	1	1	1	....	1	4	....	4	11	11	....	11	2	39	....
West Elkin	Mrs. Howard Murphy, Elkin	1	....	1	1	....	1	4	12	....	10	8	....	20	5	55	30

TABLE IV — WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

CHURCHES	PRESIDENTS OF W. M. S. AND ADDRESSES	W. M. S. Units	Y. W. A. Units	G. A. Units	R. A. Units	Sunbeam Units	Total Units	W. M. S. Enrolled	Y. W. A. Enrolled	G. A. Enrolled	R. A. Enrolled	Sunbeam Enrolled	Total Enrolled	Enrolled in Mission Study	Total Tithers
East Elkin	Mrs. Lottie Burch, Elkin	1				1	2	14				20	34		4
Elkin First	Mrs. A. T. Whittington, Elkin	1	1	2	1	1	6	222	14	33	20	34	323	118	117
Elkin Valley	Mrs. Lester Holloway, Elkin	1	1	2	2	1	7	75	8	33	22	30	168	78	67
Mineral Springs	Ila Mae Wilmoth, Jonesville	1		1		1	3	19		10		26	55	16	14
Mt. Pleasant	Mrs. J. Ralph Gentry, State Road	1	1	1	1		4	18	6	15	10		49	40	
Poplar Springs	Mrs. Margaret Hinson, State Road	1					1	26					26		3
Rock Creek	Mrs. Lester Johnson, Hayes, Rt. 1	1		1			2	19		5			24		12
Ronda	Mrs. Ruel Pardue, Ronda	1						15					15		7
West Elkin	Mrs. Mae Dockery, Elkin	1				1	2	22				16	38	25	

TABLE V — GIFTS GIVEN THROUGH THE CHURCH

CHURCHES	CLERKS OF CHURCHES AND ADDRESSES	Local Gifts (Excluding Pastor's Salary)	Pastor's Salary	Cooperative Program	Associational Missions	Designated State Missions	Designated Home Missions	Designated Foreign Missions	Christian Education Schools	Orphans Home	Designated Hospitals	Relief and Annuity, Relief, etc.	Total Missions Gifts	Grand Total Gifts For All Purposes
Bessie's Chapel	Gaither Wall, Elkin, R1	343.00	487.00							59.00	17.00	14.50	191.00	1,020.00
Center	Arleen Wood, Thurmond	362.00	74.00								8.00		8.00	444.00
Cool Springs	Mrs. Paul Newman, Elkin	2,290.00	1,102.00		8.00	20.00			9.00	186.00	85.00	125.00	433.00	3,825.00
East Elkin	Mrs. Margaret Cooke, Elkin	6,565.00	2,601.00	31.00				22.00	10.00	45.00	25.00	465.00	598.00	9,764.00
Elkin First	T. L. Parnell, Elkin	50,616.00	5,355.00	5,567.00		215.00	160.00	587.00		600.00	323.00	160.00	7,612.00	63,583.00
Elkin Valley	Robert Transou, Elkin	49,887.00	5,013.00	840.00	162.00	375.00	564.00	555.00	199.00	318.00	129.00	230.00	3,372.00	68,272.00
Little Elkin	Bill Francis, Ronda	3,001.00	1,494.00				15.00		100.00	47.00	6.00		169.00	4,673.00
Macedonia	Mrs. Grady Dimmette, Ronda	607.00	633.00	115.00	10.00	25.00	22.00		75.00	121.00	41.00	16.00	425.00	1,664.00
Maple Springs	E. V. Pardue, Ronda	543.00	343.00								10.00		10.00	1,341.00
Mineral Springs	Charles Casstevens, Jonesville	17,503.00	3,120.00			20.00	35.00	142.00	23.00	105.00	100.00	50.00	476.00	21,099.00
Mt. Pleasant	J. Ralph Gentry, State Road	4,548.00	3,715.00	85.00		68.00	56.00	174.00	10.00	110.00	100.00	65.00	667.00	8,930.00
Oak Grove	Mrs. Wake Watts, N. Wilkes. R2	604.00	600.00	4.00			16.00		35.00	92.00	17.00		163.00	1,367.00
Pleasant Hill	E .F. Yarborough, Elkin, R2	6,958.00	4,500.00	863.00	38.00	50.00	92.00	142.00	100.00	530.00	383.00	100.00	2,300.00	13,759.00
Pleasant Home	W. B. Edwards, Roaring River, R1	352.00	534.00						12.00	126.00	30.00	17.00	185.00	1,072.00
Poplar Springs	Conrad Gambill, State Road	1,305.00	1,440.00			35.00				266.00	27.00		328.00	3,073.00
Rock Creek	Vaughn Durham, N. Wilkes., R2	7,587.00	300.00	37.00	3.00	15.00	24.00	40.00	10.00	25.00	46.00	10.00	210.00	8,097.00
Ronda	R. C. Martin, Ronda	1,542.00	720.00	4.00	4.00	8.00	14.00	38.00	155.00	38.00	49.00		310.00	2,572.00
Shoaly Branch	James A. Martin, Elkin, R1	1,170.00	258.00				82.00			20.00	20.00		122.00	1,550.00
Union Hill	Mrs. M. Kennedy, Thurmond, R1	181.00	315.00							147.00	37.00		184.00	680.00
West Elkin	Miss Mallie E. Owen, Elkin	2,782.00	800.00	13.00		8.00	34.00	36.00		19.00	41.00	24.00	177.00	3,759.00
White Plains	Paul Byrd, Roaring River	2,175.00	638.00			34.00					28.00	10.00	73.00	2,886.00

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Mrs. Grady Fuller, Intermediate Leader.....Elkin
Mr. Charlie Freeman, Junior Leader.....State Road
Mrs. H. A. Frye, Nursery, Beginner, Primary.....Elkin

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Clarence Settle.....Ronda
Ralph Pardue.....State Road
Leroy Luffman.....Elkin

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Carl Harpe.....Piedmont Bible Institute
Tommy Johnson.....Gardner-Webb
Ned Teague.....Wake Forest

LIST OF MESSENGERS

BESSIE'S CHAPEL—A. C. Wall, Mrs. Loree Southard, Mrs. Fairy Southard, C. B. Key. Alternates: K. W. Steele, Mrs. Myrtle Key, Gaither Wall, B. T. Southard.

CENTER—

COOL SPRINGS—Gene Pettyjohn, Mrs. Paul Newman, M. L. Pettyjohn. Alternates: Glenn Bowers, Oren Holbrook, Paul Walker.

EAST ELKIN—Mrs. John Williams, Mrs. E. M. Eldridge, Mrs. Tommy Collins, Tommy Collins. Alternates: Jones Waggoner, Richard Walters, Harden Adams.

ELKIN FIRST—Dr. Lin Fincannon, L. F. Walker, Virginia Dare Teague. Alternates: Rev. and Mrs. Howard J. Ford, Mrs. S. A. Nichols.

ELKIN VALLEY—Mrs. Robert Transou, Mrs. Roy Collins, Mrs. Brady Settle, Lester Cass. Alternates: Carl Harpe, Lee Roy Hayes, Mrs. W. C. Guth, Blanche Harmon.

LITTLE ELKIN—John Love, J. T. Byrd, Claude E. Key. Alternates: Mrs. Collie Laster, Mrs. R. E. Key, Mrs. John Love.

MACEDONIA—Ralph Tharpe, Howard Key, Ernest Edwards. Alternates: Charlie Byrd, Roy Felts, Mrs. E. F. Edwards.

MAPLE SPRINGS—Ralph Pardue, Fred Harris, Luther Holbrook. Alternates: Francis Pardue, Esther Holbrook, Fannie Laffoon.

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POPLAR SPRINGS—S. B. Mooney, R. W. Gentry, Posey Steele. Alternates: R. C. Newman, Mrs. Kate Hinson, Mrs. Navassa Mooney.

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WHITE PLAINS—Paul Byrd, B. E. Blackburn, Will Jolly, Mrs. Will Jolly. Alternates: Mrs. Rom Wood, Jay Anthony, Mrs. Jay Anthony.

CONSTITUTION

1. This Association shall be known as the Elkin Baptist Association, and shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches; each church being entitled to three delegates, and all regular ordained ministers as members ex officia.

2. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's Kingdom upon this earth.

3. The delegates thus selected should bear from each respective church a letter certifying their appointments, and communicating information relative to the state of the church and interest thereof.

4. The Association just formed shall elect, by ballot, a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall continue in office for one year, and until others are chosen. The last two offices may be held by the same individual.

5. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside at meetings of business; to keep order during each session; to decide questions of order; subject to an appeal to the house by any member and to perform all other duties pertaining to his office.

6. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a faithful and correct record of all the proceedings of each session of the Association and keep a minute of each session and to perform other duties assigned to him by the Association.

7. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to keep a correct record of all the funds coming into the hands and report the same at the order of the Association.

8. There shall be a Committee of Arrangements consisting of five members, besides the Moderator and Clerk.

9. All letters or grievances or queries, together with all letters from corresponding associations requiring any attention thereon, shall be submitted to the Committee on Arrangements and reported back to the Association.

10. This body shall have no coersive powers to exercise lordship over God's heritage, but shall only be considered as advisory council in all matters respecting the internal regulation of the churches.

11. When an offense may have been committed by one church against the other, or when a series of difficulties may have arisen in an individual church, it shall be the duty of the Association (after due labors have been had between the offending and offended church, or an individual church, as the case may be) to take the matter into consideration and advise upon.

12. The Association shall not maintain permanent fellowship towards any of her churches which neglect to institute and preserve Gospel order among her members, nor any of her churches or ministers that treat her constitution with contempt; but shall sustain with all her influence, such as promote Gospel principles and order.

13. It shall be the province of this Association to invite visiting and corresponding brethren to seats, who shall be entitled to speak on any point under discussion, but not to vote.

14. The Association shall be in all cases (except in matters pertaining to the constitution) be governed by a majority of the members present, and shall not adjourn until they have gone through the business of the Association, except in extraordinary cases.

15. Each church having an ordained or licensed minister shall

report the same to the Association in order that they may appear as such in the face of the minutes.

16. The Association shall furnish the churches with the minutes of her proceedings, and it shall be the duty of the churches to enable her to do so.

17. The Association shall have a fund, created and sustained by voluntary contributions from the churches, which shall be held by the treasurer and subject to the disposition of a majority of the Association present at any annual session.

18. The Association shall hold an annual meeting at such time and place as the body may from time to time designate.

19. By appointment of the Association there may be an Introductory Missionary and Denominational sermon preached each annual session.

20. This Constitution may be altered or amended at any time, two thirds of the members present concurring.

21. The benevolent institutions of the day shall be no bar or test of fellowship, but all shall be free to sustain or not sustain as they choose.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

2. The letters from the Churches shall be read and the names of the delegates enrolled.

3. A Moderator and Clerk chosen by a majority of the members present.

4. Only one member shall speak at a time who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator; and while speaking shall not be interrupted by any member except the Moderator.

5. The members speaking shall strictly adhere to the subject, and use no words calculated to irritate.

6. No member shall abruptly break off or absent himself without leave of the Association.

7. No member shall speak more than three times upon one subject without leave of the Association.

8. No member shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of the Association, nor whispering in time of public speech.

9. No member of the Association shall address another in any other appellation than that of Brother.

10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member or prohibit him from speaking till he gives his light on the subject, unless he breaks this decorum.

11. The names of the several members of the Association shall be called by the Clerk as often as the Association requires.

12. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privileges as any other members, provided his seat be filled; and he shall have no vote, unless the Association be equally divided.

13. Queries presented by churches shall be attended to by the Association.

14. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

15. Any member who shall willingly and knowingly break any of these rules shall be reproved by the Association, as they shall think proper.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in only one true and living God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost and these three are one.

2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the words of God, and the only rules of Faith and Practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of Election by grace.

4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin, and in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature by his own free will or ability.

5. We believe that sinners are called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit and that all who are thus regenerated are born again by the Spirit of God, shall never fall finally away.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God by imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.

7. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only subjects of those ordinances; and we believe that the only true mode of Baptism is by immersion.

8. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment, and that the joys of righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

9. We believe that no minister has the right to administer the ordinances of the Gospel, except such as are regularly called, and come under the imposition of hands by the Presbytery.

PROCEEDINGS
Of The
SEVENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION
Of The
ELKIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
Held With The
POPLAR SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH
September 23, 1954
And
LITTLE ELKIN BAPTIST CHURCH
September 24, 1954

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION — 9:45 A. M.

The Elkin Baptist Association was declared in session by the Moderator, Rev. Howard J. Ford.

Rev. Howard J. Ford led the singing of "Majestic Sweetness Sits Enthroned" and "Amazing Grace" accompanied by Mrs. Howard J. Ford.

Rev. Woodrow Wishon conducted the devotional service using Romans 15:13 as the Scripture. Rev. W. C. Guth led the opening prayer.

Visitors recognized—Dr. J. C. Canipe, Mrs. Sadie Shoaf and Rev. Warren Norman, Yadkin Association.

Letters were called for and the messengers recognized.

The following Committees were. appointed: Resolutions Committee: Mrs. W. M. Snow, Chairman; Miss Dare Teague, Mrs. Charlie Couch, Mrs. L. F. Walker and Rev. Woodrow Wishon. Time, Place and Preacher Committee: Dr. Lin Fincannon, Chairman; Mrs. Avery Whittington and Mrs. W. C. Guth.

Remarks pertaining to the Association and its procedure were given by the Moderator, Howard J. Ford.

The following report, presented by Denver Holcomb, was accepted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday Schools have, during the year 1953-54, experienced the glorious privilege of taking part in one of the greatest enlargement programs ever launched in the church programs. The efforts of the Baptist Churches to enroll a million more people in Sunday Schools in 1954 has been a great success. We feel that through the evangelistic, teaching, and enlistment program there has been, and will continue to be, substantial increases in baptisms, offerings and Christian homes.

We have 21 churches in our Association, with a Sunday School enrollment of 4,225. More churches in our Association have conducted Vacation Bible Schools this year than ever before and many churches have organized Training Unions. We sincerely trust during this year every church in our Association will have a Vacation Bible

School and a Training Union. We also urge that at the earliest possible date our Association have an Associational Missionary.

In looking forward to the coming year, in our church work, let us begin now to—

1—Enlist more people for Bible Study.
2—Improve the quality of Bible teaching.
3—Train more workers for service.
4—Make adequate provisions for every member of every family in Sunday School.
5—Establish more Sunday Schools.
6—Win more people to Christ.

Respectfully submitted,
DENVER HOLCOMB

Rev. N. C. Teague spoke to the report. He stressed the importance of Sunday School and urged every parent to use Matthew 28:20 "Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you" in rearing their children. Only through the Sunday School can this be obtained.

The following report, presented by Rev. W. C. Guth, was accepted.

REPORT ON EVANGELISM

The Saviour's compassion for the souls of men, and His emphasis upon winning the same to Himself, are both reasons that the work of evangelism in the North Carolina Baptist Convention, as headed by our beloved and capable leader, Dr. J. C. Canipe, is one of the greatest and by far the most important of our North Carolina Baptist Enterprises.

Many a lagging church has taken a new and more vigorous stride as the result of the pastor attending one of the annual conferences on evangelism. Here the best soul winning pastors and evangelists, that Dr. Canipe can get, speak. Unless providentially hindered, pastors of this Association or any other association, cannot afford to pass up the next conference, which is to be held at the First Baptist Church, Greensboro. We are glad to report that several preachers of this association attended the last conference held at Charlotte in February.

Because of the revival meetings held and the souls that have been saved, the future has quite a good outlook. The Elkin Association is blessed with the spirit of evangelism. May this wholesome spirit ever multiply with increasing momentum until that climatic appointed time of April 10 to 24, 1955, namely the Simultaneous Crusade.

Respectfully submitted,
W. C. GUTH

Dr. J. C. Canipe spoke to the report on Evangelism. No flock, the church, should be without a shepherd. A shepherd, the pastor, should always be in front to lead. Are you aware of the kind of world in which you live? Trying to take over is communism, catholicism, secularism. It is up to us to move like a mighty army in 1955 to spread true evangelical christianity.

After the hymn, "Rescue The Perishing," Rev. E. G. Jordan brought the Associational sermon, using Acts 17:6 as the text. He also led the closing prayer of the morning session and at the same time returned thanks for the noonday meal which was served immediately after adjournment. The dinner was bountiful, partaken of in a fine Christian fellowship.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION — 1:45 P. M.

The afternoon session opened with the singing of "Come Thou Fount," led by Rev. N. C. Teague. Rev. W. R. Kimberlin brought the devotional thoughts using John 10:1-5.

The following report, presented by Mrs. Avery Whittington, was accepted.

REPORT ON MISSIONS

STATE MISSIONS is the missionary effort on the part of North Carolina Baptists to reach the unsaved for Christ and teach, enlist, and train the saved in giving, living, and serving through the churches and throughout the world.

There are 4,200,000 people in the State. 1,900,000 of these above the age of eight years are affiliated with some kind of church. 1,900,000 of these above the age of eight years are unchurched. If 25% of the affiliated church members are unsaved, then 62½% of the people of North Carolina above the age of eight years are lost. North Carolina, therefore, is far from being half Christian. Here is our urgent challenge.

We have 760,000 Baptist church members in North Carolina. Perhaps 35% of these are enlisted and are being taught and trained in Christian giving, living, and serving.

Our people need to be taught and trained. Therefore, four of the most significant phases of our State Missions work are promoted through the Sunday School, Training Union, Vacation Bible Schools and Rural Church Departments. Many of our Baptist people attend Training Union Weeks at Caswell, Fruitland and Ridgecrest during the Summer months.

A more highly developed and intelligent congregation demands a better trained pastor. Each year pastors receive better training at Fruitland. Refresher courses are offered at Mars Hill and Caswell.

Other areas of need constantly challenge the resources of State Missions, namely (1) The Colored Races, (2) The Allied Church League, (3) The Silent People, (4) The Department of Pastoral Care, (5) The Assemblies at Fruitland and Caswell.

Will you as an individual and you as a church do your part so that the first part of **The Great Commission** might be obeyed—and that these rich ministeries might be continued to the extent that next year North Carolina and the world might be more Christian?

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. AVERY WHITTINGTON

Brother Earl Bradley spoke to the report. He told of the importance of the Cooperative Program, and asked us to think of it as "people." The sun never sits on the cooperative dollar.

The following report, presented by Mrs. W. C. Guth, was accepted.

REPORT ON ELKIN W. M. U.

"Declare His Glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the people" was the watchword for the past year—the attainment of this watchword is what the various organizations of the W. M. U. has tried to attain—beginning at Jerusalem, but not neglecting the further outreaches of missionary work through Christian living, giving and prayer.

We are happy to report the organization of two new missionary societies; one at Poplar Springs and the other at Pleasant Hill. We now have a total of ten missionary societies. There were, also, three

new young people's organizations—one each for the Y. W. A., G. A., and R. A. Three of our churches now have a full graded W. M. U.

We also report a considerable increase in membership, with 67 women enrolled during the past year.

We reported 43% of our women as tithers last year—we now have 50% enlisted as tithers. This resulted in a substantial increase in special missionary gifts.

We had an increase of $230.00 over our total offerings for last year. Our Association contributed approximately $75.00 to the Mattye Craver Memorial Fund to be used to furnish a room in the new wing of the Baptist Hospital.

The Elkin Association was one of the few in the State having all churches with missionary societies reporting every quarter of last year.

We had an unusual attendance record at our annual meeting in April with each church having organized work being represented, plus several churches which do not have any organized missionary work.

Compared to many other large, well organized associations, our work may seem small; but God judges us according to our opportunities and our faithfulness, not in mere numbers. May we always be found faithful and may the watchword for the coming year prove a great challenge to even greater service. Let us THINK of it—may our THINKING lead us to ACTION! "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up."

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. W. C. GUTH

Mrs. Sadie Shoaf, who has done work in Cuba and Key West, but due to bad health is working in our summer assemblies, told of the need for workers in these two places. She explained the two idols they worship, Saint Barbara and Saint Lazarus. Different types of clothes are worn, determined by the spirits they want to keep off. For example, a red dress with a yellow sash keeps away the lightning.

She told of the great need for trained men to minister the gospel at Key West and Cuba.

The following report, presented by Livington Williams, was accepted.

REPORT OF NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST HOSPITAL

Last year when the annual report was made for the Elkin Baptist Association, it was indeed a pleasure to state that the association was one hundred per cent in its contributions by all the churches to our hospital in Winston-Salem. This year it is my understanding that all of the churches have made contributions with the exception of two. We Baptist feel and know that our Baptist Hospital is making an outstanding contribution to humanity by the healing and administering to the physical needs of our people. The hospital merits our whole-hearted support in this effort and in the enlargement program that is taking place at the hospital.

It is always a pleasure to have a representative from the hospital, and we know they are interested in the needs of suffering humanity. We want to congratulate them for their efforts in the past and assure them that we are supporting them and their cause to the fullest.

Respectfully submitted,
J. LIVINGSTON WILLIAMS

Chaplain Barnard was present and told of the work that has been done in the past year and what will be done this year. The Baptist Hospital is the fourth largest in the Southern Baptist Convention. He gave an estimate of the food prepared in one day; also the amount of towels and bed linen used. When the new Chapel is completed, the Baptist Hospital can minister healing, teaching, and preaching.

The following report, presented by Mrs. W. T. Roth, was accepted.

REPORT ON BIBLICAL RECORDER

Christian literature does not need defending; it needs more distribution and wider reading. Never before have Baptist had such opportunities as today to magnify and promote the Lord's work through vital Christian literature. The printed page is powerful, its influence is universal. People tend to become like the things they read and absorb in their minds and hearts. The flood of bad literature has spread over our land, with almost every newsstand, drug store, bus station, and even grocery stores, selling objectional comic books, bad magazines, lurid books and periodicals that the U. S. mails refuse to carry. This bad literature very often finds its way into Baptists homes, and its pages are filled with the seeds of evil. Wider reading of good Christian literature would soon destroy the thirst for the bad. Baptists have a great opportunity—to provide the best reading matter they can get for their homes.

Baptist have compelling reasons for securing and reading Christian literature, especially from their own presses. The aim of it all is to promote Bible study, to build Christian character, and to inform, enlist, indoctrinate, inspire and unify our people in all the great work the Lord has committed to us. Dr. M. E. Dodd said: "A non-reading Baptist is a non-informed Baptist. A non-informed Baptist is a non-interested Baptist. A non-interested Baptist is a non-cooperative Baptist, and a non-cooperative Baptist is not much of a Baptist."

In North Carolina, the Biblical Recorder is the one publication covering the entire field of our Baptist work. Without our state paper, successful promotion of our Lord's work in all Baptist channels would be well-nigh impossible. The Recorder has carried the message of Baptist progress into Baptist homes for 121 years, or since 1833. At present the Biblical Recorder is received in approximately 57,000 homes each week. It should go into every Baptist home.

In our Elkin Association only 389 homes receive the Biblical Recorder. Two of our churches have the "Every-Family Plan." Four of our churches have the "Club Plan."

We earnestly urge all pastors, deacons, superintendents, W. M. U. and Training Union leaders, and others to help us get the Recorder into every home in our Association.

Every-family plan (every family in the church) is $1.50 a year.

The club plan (5 or more members of one church) $2.00 a year.

Individual subscriptions are $2.50 a year.

All subscriptions are payable in advance.

Our Recorder is our oldest Baptist paper and one that has a glowing record.

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BIBLICAL RECORDER
Biblical Recorder Building
Raleigh, North Carolina

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. W. T. ROTH

Brother L. L. Carpenter, representing the BIBLICAL RECORDER, spoke to the report, in a lively but most interesting manner.

The afternoon session closed with prayer, led by Rev. George Walters.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION — 9:45 A. M.

The morning session opened with the hymn, "How Firm A Foundation," led by Rev. Howard Ford, accompanied by Mrs. Ford.

Rev. N. C. Teague led the devotional service using Matthew 25:31 as a basis for his thoughts.

The following report, presented by Mrs. Howard Ford, was accepted.

REPORT OF THE RELIEF AND ANNUITY BOARD

It is no longer necessary for a minister or church employee to become disabled or reach the age of retirement with no sense of financial security. Plans known as The Ministers' Retirement Plan and the Widow's Supplemental Plan have been promoted by the Southern Baptist Convention and the Baptist State Convention, whereby annuities are provided for ministers and church employees.

Dues are payable monthly or quarterly. The pastor pays four per cent of his salary, not to exceed four thousand dollars. The church pays an equal amount and the convention adds to that. During any one year about nine per cent of what a man receives in actual salary is laid aside to build up an annuity. Of this amount he only pays four per cent.

If one becomes disabled before the age of retirement he may receive an annuity of twenty-five per cent of the salary on which he has paid, not to exceed five hundred dollars. An effort is being made to provide a maximum of nine hundred dollars.

At the age of retirement the annuity is a percentage of the salary, upon which a man has paid. The percentage has increased over the years.

As a part of the regular retirement plan a widow is provided an annuity, if her husband dies after the age of sixty-five. If she has lived with him as much as twenty-five years she is entitled to one-half the amount he was to receive. If she has not lived with him that long, payment is made in proportion to the number of years she has been his wife.

The Widow's Supplemental Plan is completely in addition to the Minister's Retirement Plan. In addition to the four per cent which the minister pays on the retirement plan, he pays one and one-half per cent of his salary on the Widow's Supplement Plan. To this the convention adds an equal amount. If at the end of one year, the member should die, the annuity to the widow would be twenty per cent of his potential annuity. After participation of six years the percentage steps up to forty per cent.

These two plans taken together provide a fine coverage for our ministers, widows and church employees. All who are eligible should put forth every effort to become a member of both of these plans.

In North Carolina the membership is still low. Help us this year to furnish more of our people information concerning this phase of our work.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. HOWARD J. FORD

The following report, presented by Mrs. Lester Holloway, was accepted.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE

It is always a privilege to report to our people the facts concerning their Orphanage. Again, through your generosity, we were able to care for about 700 children last year. The physical plants both at Mills Home and Kennedy Home are now in good condition.

At Mills Home the Recreation Center and the beautiful new Church Building were completed during 1953. Now for the first time in its history Mills Home has adequate places for its children both to play and to worship. The church stands in the very center of the campus with its tall spire pointing heavenward. It is by far the most beautiful building ever erected at your Orphanage. As the children are led in worship by our pastor; there is a spirit of reverence which would thrill the heart of every North Carolina Baptist. North Carolina Baptist should rejoice that special friends have made these church buildings possible. They should also thank God that every effort is being made to see that their homeless children are privileged to grow up in a spiritual atmosphere.

CHARITY AND CHILDREN, your Orphanage publication, has an all-time high in circulation. We send out more than 46,000 copies each week. Surely every church in our state will want copies of this splendid Baptist publication. It will keep you informed about your Orphanage as well as other phases of Baptist work.

The income for 1953 was good. Our churches through the Once-a-Month offering and the Thanksgiving offering continue to meet the challenge of the homeless children in our midst. Truly God will continue to bless our people as they minister to those who can't help themselves. Our Savior said, "Whosoever shall receive one of such children in my name, receiveth me, receiveth not me, but him that sent me."

Our new plan of Orphanage support should not be very different from the present plan. The Baptist State Convention voted for the Orphanage to come into the Cooperative Program beginning January 1, 1955. This gives any church the privilege to send all its funds except the Thanksgiving offering through the Cooperative Program, if it so desires. However, the General Board and the Executive Secretary of the Convention made the following recommendations: First, that churches that now take the Once-a-Month offering continue this plan. Second, that churches which have the Orphanage in the Budget for a certain amount be encouraged to continue this same method during the period of transition.

The Thanksgiving offering, of course, will be continued just as before. Each church is urged to give the people a chance to make a Thanksgiving offering. Each person is urged to give at least One Day's Pay as a "Thank Offering" for the support of the dependent children for whom Baptist are responsible. These children are wholly dependent upon North Carolina Baptists for their chance in life. We must not, we will not fail them.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. LESTER HOLLOWAY

Brother Marse Grant, Editor of CHARITY AND CHILDREN took us on a pictorial visit through the campus at Mills Home.

An impressive memorial service was conducted by Rev. E. G. Jordan. Special tribute was given to the late David W. Day for his work in the association. Luther Byrd sang "Beyond The Sunset."

Dr. V. W. Taylor stressed the importance of Christian education. He recognized representatives from the Baptist Colleges.

Brother Lawson Allen told of the work being done by our Baptist Colleges. To fully appreciate these colleges we should: Come and see them, send our children, send our money and pray for them.

Rev. Ben Fisher, Southeastern Seminary, brought the associational sermon using "A Transformed Church" as his topic.

Rev. E. P. Caudle gave the benediction and returned thanks for the noonday meal. The dinner was served in a way which was very appetizing and the givers manifested a true cordiality of Christian hospitality. The social fellowship was a blessing to all. The many ties of past associations were both strengthened and renewed.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION — 1:45 P. M.

Rev. W. C. Guth led in singing the hymn, "My Faith Looks Up To Thee."

Rev. Carnie Shugart conducted the devotional service and led the opening prayer.

The following report, presented by Rev. N. C. Teague, was accepted.

REPORT ON BAPTIST TRAINING UNION

The work of the Training Union in the Elkin Association continues to play a vital part in advancing the cause of Christ.

Seven years ago only five churches reported Training Unions, with 469 members enrolled. We now have Training Unions in twelve churches with 690 members enrolled.

During the past year four mass meetings were held with an average attendance of 145.

Our usual annual enlargement campaign was handicapped this past year due to the fact that no state workers were available for this purpose, and all the effort for this cause had to come from within the individual Training Unions.

Our Associational Training Union work also felt a great loss in the moving away of our director, Rev. J. D. Wyatt, who went to work in another part of the state.

One new Training Union was organized in the association this year, but with the loss of one, this leaves the same number as last year. There are still nine churches in the association without training unions.

We trust that our people will become more training conscious, for an active training union in each church will assure well trained and consecrated Christian leaders for the future.

In the matter of training union study courses, three churches have requested 82 awards for the past year.

Respectfully submitted,
MASON BURCHAM

Brother James Morgan spoke to the report. He urged the support of a fully graded Baptist program in each Baptist Church. For a better world—build better men.

The following reports were given by the Resolutions Committee and the Committee on Time, Place and Preacher.

REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS

We, as the resolutions committee, would like to thank the Poplar

Springs and Little Elkin churches for having our association to meet with them. They both have nice buildings and beautiful grounds. We are sure that each person attending enjoyed the delicious dinner we had each day at the noon hour.

We are sure each one enjoyed the speakers in our association and we thank each visitor for taking part. All the reports were well taken care of, but we all should help make these reports better. Let's each one make a resolution to take part in the spring revival which Dr. Canipe explained. Don't let somebody else, let's get out and work ourselves.

We need to make a resolution to work toward getting an associational missionary for our association.

We need to make a resolution to give more through the cooperative program than we have ever given before.

At this time we would like to thank each officer in our association for the splendid work which has been carried out. We would like to ask each church represented to work with our new officers for the coming year that we might accomplish more than we have ever before.

Let's not forget all the good things we have heard and do not forget each one of us to have something we can do. We might not do it the best, but we will do the best we can.

God bless you all until we meet again.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. W. M. SNOW
MISS DARE TEAGUE
MRS. CHARLIE COUCH
L. F. WALKER
REV. WOODROW WISHON

REPORT ON TIME, PLACE, AND PREACHER

Time: Thursday and Friday, September 22 and 23, 1955.

Place: Thursday—First Baptist Church, Elkin; Friday—Rock Creek Baptist Church.

Preacher: Thursday—W. R. Kimberlin; Alternate: C. B. Mickles. Friday: George Hankins; Alternate: George Walters.

Respectfully submitted,
DR. LIN FINCANNON
MRS. AVERY WHITTINGTON
MRS. W. C. GUTH

The nominating committee reported and the following were elected:

Moderator—Rev. Howard J. Ford.

Vice-Moderator—Rev. N. C. Teague.

Clerk—Mrs. H. A. Frye.

Associational Sunday School Superintendent—Cortez Lowery.

Orphanage Representative—Mrs. Lester Holloway.

Home for Aging Representative—Mrs. Earl James.

Biblical Recorder Representative—Mrs. W. T. Roth.

Hospital Representative—J. Livingston Williams.

American Bible Society—Rev. W. C. Guth.

Associational Training Union Director—Rev. W. R. Kimberlin.

Chairman on Evangelism—Rev. W. C. Guth.

W. M. U. Representative—Mrs. W. C. Guth.

Executive Committee—Rev. J. L. Powers, Rev. W. C. Guth, Rev. E. P. Caudle, Dr. Lin Fincannon, Mrs. Earl James, Rev. N. C. Teague, and Mrs. Lester Holloway.

Committee,

REV. W. C. GUTH, Chairman
W. H. COMBS,
REV. J. L. POWERS.

The following report, presented by Rev. W. C. Guth, was accepted.

REPORT ON AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY

"Your English Bible speaks to my head, but my Chinese Bible speaks to my heart." These words of a Chinese student express a a missionary principle true in all lands. Every person must have the Bible in his own language if the word of God is to speak to his heart.

The Bible is the missionary's chief tool. He uses it in every form of mission work. The Bible itself is a missionary. It can go where the human missionary cannot, stay when he must leave and keep on working in a man's heart long after he is gone.

The American Bible Society aids in Bible translation. They publish the scriptures without note or comment and distribute them without profit, usually below cost. In cases of special need at home and abroad, they are given without charge. Scriptures for the blind are supplied in raised-letter systems and on talking book records. The Society serves every form of Southern Baptist mission work around the world.

During the year of 1953 the American Bible Society has:

1—Distributed throughout the world more than 15 million volumes of scriptures.

2—Distributed 9, 726,391 scripture volumes in 81 languages in the United States.

3—Helped the Japan Bible Society to continue its systematic program of wide-spread distribution of the scriptures in that land.

4—Continued to supply scriptures in Korea, through the Korean Bible Society, for civilians, military personnel and prisoners of war.

5—Strengthened its work throughout Latin America, where scripture distribution by thousands of volunteer workers is producing outstanding missionary results.

6—Supplied some 500,000 volumes of scripture for refugees in Western Germany and materials for 400,000 Bibles and Testaments in Iron Curtain countries.

7—Provided 1,301,145 scripture volumes for our own Armed Forces, bringing the number supplied since 1940 to more than 12 million volumes.

8—Received gifts which made possible its largest budget and adopted for 1954 an even greater program to meet expanding needs for the scriptures around the world.

Southern Baptist have a great part in the work of the Society. In 1953 Southern Baptist churches gave $102,010 to the American Bible Society. Gifts from all churches of all denominations totaled to $785,897. Southern Baptist gifts continued to stand in second place, exceeded only by Methodist gifts of $148,724.

The continuous help of Southern Baptists is greatly needed.

The help of every Southern Baptist church is desired, therefore, the help of every church in the Elkin Association is anticipated.

All gifts are to be sent to the office at Raleigh and marked "American Bible Society."

Respectfully submitted,

REV. W. C. GUTH

The following report, presented by Mrs. Earl James, was accepted.

REPORT ON HOME FOR AGING

The fourth Associational year of the Baptist Homes for the Aging has been one of considerable expansion and encouraging progress. There are many evidences of the continued blessing of God upon this newest phase of our North Carolina Baptist program.

A step forward was taken when the Albemarle Home opened its doors on December 7, 1953. It afforded space for 35 additional residents, bringing the total capacity of the two Homes to 54 residents. The purchase price of the property at Albemarle, Hospital, Nurses Home and 3 acres of land, was $25,000. After renovation and other improvements, the property there should be worth at least $300,000. Good fortune was ours again in securing the splendid staff of helpers at Albemarle. Rev. Zeb A. Caudle, former pastor of the First Baptist Church of Aberdeen, was selected to serve as superintendent. Both the residents of the home and those who have visited have been greatly pleased with the program of service.

Resthaven, at Winston-Salem, which began operating March 16, 1951 has been filled to capacity throughout the year. Although the ages in both Homes range from 67 to 94 years, there has been no death within the past year. The general health has been remarkably good, and the spirit of satisfaction on the part of the residents has been most encouraging. The greatest loss came from the retirement of Miss Edna L. Heinzerling, supervisor of Resthaven since its opening. She had rendered most acceptable service. Mrs. Ethel Fulghum, a resident at Resthaven, was selected to act as supervisor temporarily.

A tract of 34 acres of land, just outside the city limits of Winston-Salem, was purchased in 1953, for a central site for new buildings. A topographical map has been made and an architect engaged to prepare sketches of buildings to be erected on this central site, as money and circumstances will permit. It is the intention of the trustees, however, to proceed with one building at a time. The first unit will furnish space for additional residents and for offices, chapel, infirmary, laundry and refrigeration. It is hoped that construction of the first unit can get underway within a year.

Inquiries have been received as to the possibility of a couple erecting a cottage on the central site, so that they might live in it until death and then the cottage would be available to another couple. The cost of erecting and furnishing it would be paid by the couple, but it would become the property of the North Carolina Baptist Homes.

The second Special Day offering, February 21, 1954, was encouraging. Word has come, too, of wills, from which the Homes will receive gifts. At least one will was probated in 1954, from which estate the Homes will receive $2,000. The most encouraging progress has been the response, on the part of our churches, to the program of the Homes. More and more of them are beginning to support the Homes through the Special Day Offering, or by specially designated gifts. These evidences indicate the future success of the

Homes in providing more facilities and accommodating larger numbers of aging friends.

The residents and all who are serving in the Homes are deeply grateful for the help received thus far, and they covet the prayers and continued support of our Baptist constituency in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. EARL JAMES

Rev. James Hayes told more about the work being carried on in these two homes and discussed plans for the future.

The following report, presented by Tommy Johnson, was accepted.

REPORT ON ALLIED CHURCH LEAGUE

Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise. Proverbs 20:1.

America is spending around $17,000 a minute for strong drink.

In one area over 90% of the high school children drank. A great majority of them before reaching the age of 16. About one-fifth drank before reaching their teens and more than one-third have been high or tight on at least one occasion. The average teen ager in this area alone consumes about one glass of beer or wine and one drink of whiskey per week.

The Allied Church League is doing a great work to combat this. Last year they held two ABC elections and won both by overwhelming majorities; three beer elections and won all three by a large majority.

North Carolina Baptists have joined other denominations in this state in supporting the Allied Church League for the abolition of beverage alcohol through education and legislation and the promotion of civic righteousness.

Church people are becoming more conscious of their moral and spiritual obligation to combat the evils of alcohol.

Practically every denomination in the state is on the march. Through this united effort and organization of the Allied Church League 48 of the 100 counties have eliminated the sale of beer and wine. Seventy of our counties do not have ABC stores. Only six cities in dry counties have stores.

The great work of the Allied Church League becomes even more amazing when we realize that for every dollar we spend to fight alcohol, the liquor industry spends over four hundred dollars to promote it.

Through this united effort and much prayer, we can slow down, if not eliminate, the sale and use of alcohol in our state.

Let us all give ultimate support to the Allied Church League and go all out in the work of helping to dry up the other 52 counties that sell beer and wine and those who have ABC stores.

Respectfully submitted,

TOMMY JOHNSON

Brother W. P. Biggerstaff spoke to the report. He used Romans 13:11 as a basis for this question, How big is this problem?

The Association was adjourned by Rev. W. C. Guth at 3:00 p. m.

Well enough might the sessions come to an end with praises on the lips of the earthly saints of God as they turned homeward to continue helping their Lord in saving a lost world.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Balance on hand September 25, 1953		$190.68
Disbursements during the period		
Elk Printing Co.	154.00	
Mailing Expenses	5.00	
		159.00
Balance on Hand November 30, 1953		$ 31.68
Associational Minute Fund		186.50
Total on Hand September 23, 1954		$218.18

IN MEMORIAM

CENTER
Mrs. Matilda Parks

ELKIN FIRST
Dr. L. C. Couch
Mrs. Amanda Burcham
Mr. T. M. Darnell
Mr. Edward Long
Mrs. J. L. Bray

ELKIN VALLEY
Mr. Carl DeBorde (Deacon)
Mrs. Mollie Smith
Mrs. Fannie Bates

LITTLE ELKIN
Mrs. Rhoda Wood
Mr. J. M. Vanhoy (Deacon)

MACEDONIA
Mrs. Myrtle Durham
Mrs. Sam Poplin

MINERAL SPRINGS
Mrs. Lila Swaim Woodruff
Mrs. Dora Evans

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Mrs. J. W. Hicks
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ROCK CREEK
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RONDA
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Mr. L. G. Myers

UNION HILL
Mr. Brady Calloway

WEST ELKIN
Mrs. R. H. Laffoon

WHITE PLAINS
Mr. Willie Ward

TABLE I — CHURCH AND MEMBERSHIP

CHURCHES	Location, Rural V-T-C	Date Organized	Dates of Meeting	PASTORS AND ADDRESSES	Baptisms	Letters and other additions	Loss by Death, Transfer	Total Resident Members	Total Non-Resident Mem.	Grand Total Present Mem.	Revival Meetings Held	Number Tithers
Bessie's Chapel	R	1935	2, 4	W. B. Luffman, N. Wilkesboro	2	2	.....	60	14	74	1	.....
Center	R	1839	1, 3	Carl Cockerham, Roaring River	6	.....	3	43	35	78	1	.....
Cool Springs	R	1805	2, 3, 4	C. B. Mikles, East Bend, Rt. 2	5	.....	3	.....	.....	260	2	.....
East Elkin	C	1921	1, 3	E. G. Jordan, Elkin, Box 543	2	2	14	119	112	231	1	15
Elkin First	C	1889	Full	Howard J. Ford, Elkin	32	23	31	617	109	726	1	.....
Elkin Valley	V	1914	Full	W. C. Guth, Elkin, Rt. 2	28	9	41	496	59	555	2	100
Little Elkin	R	1905	2, 4	E. P. Caudle, Yadkinville	4	2	11	154	96	250	2	.....
Macedonia	R	1876	1, 3	R. A. Call, N. Wilkesboro, Rt. 2	.....	.....	4	189	52	240	1	.....
Maple Springs	R	1943	1, 3	(None at present)	5	4	6	84	10	94	2	.....
Mineral Springs	T	1940	Full	George Hankins, Jonesville	20	5	11	253	66	319	1	30
Mt. Pleasant	V	1887	Full	W. R. Kimberlin, State Road	.....	5	14	113	70	183	2	.....
Oak Grove	R	1946	1, 3	Lloyd J. Pardue, Elkin	17	4	2	.....	.....	106	1	.....
Pleasant Hill	V	1897	Full	N. C. Teague, Elkin	30	27	14	662	50	712	2	50
Pleasant Home	R	1878	2, 4	R. A. Call, N. Wilkesboro, Rt. 2	4	.....	5	.....	.....	229	2	.....
Poplar Springs	R	1885	1, 3	Woodrow Wishon, State Road	6	3	1	169	66	235	2	3
Rock Creek	R	1849	2, 4	Carnie Shugart, Jonesville	16	5	14	198	104	302	2	8
Ronda	V	1893	2, 4	(None at present)	1	1	15	132	66	198	2	10
Shoaly Branch	R	1884	2, 3	David Cockerham, Elkin, Rt. 2	3	2	1	.....	.....	121	2	.....
Union Hill	R	1948	1, 3, 5	Cecil Hooper, Elkin	3	.....	3	32	17	49	1	5
West Elkin	C	1940	2, 4	J. L. Powers, Elkin	7	16	7	80	60	140	2	.....
White Plains	R	1843	1, 3	George Walters, Elkin	12	5	5	.....	.....	235	2	.....
TOTALS					203	115	205	3,401	986	5,337	34	221

TABLE II — THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

CHURCHES	Sunday School Superintendents and Addresses	Cradle Roll	Nursery	Beginners	Primaries	Juniors	Intermediates	Young People	Adults	Extension Department	Officers of Classes, Depts.	Grand Total Sunday School Enrollment	Vacation Bible School Enrollment	January Bible Study	No. Training Schools
Bessie's Chapel	B. T. Southard, Elkin, Rt. 1			25		10	11	29	78			153	67	no	
Center	Sam Spicer, Thurmond			16		15	12		24		6	73		no	
Cool Springs	Gene Pettyjohn, Elkin, Rt. 2			19	16	17	14	42	52		3	163	88	no	
East Elkin	Mason Burcham, Elkin			19	12	12	17	34	60		3	157	45	yes	1
Elkin First	L. F. Mathis, Elkin	28	60	48	55	61	51	41	316	72	4	736	192	yes	2
Elkin Valley	H. A. Frye, Elkin	7	30	38	39	56	53	50	180	34	4	486	128	no	2
Little Elkin	John Love, Jonesville			15	20	20	25	20	65			165	70	no	
Macedonia	Roy Felts, Ronda			10	9	21	14	11	43		2	110		no	
Maple Springs	Glen Burchette, Ronda, Rt. 1			20		12		10	25			67		no	
Mineral Springs	Transou Boles, Jonesville			20	20	38	18	22	110		3	231	106	no	
Mt. Pleasant	W. A. Walters, State Road	13	19	13	22	15	19	14	93	10	4	212	115	yes	1
Oak Grove	W. J. Watts, N. Wilkesboro, Rt. 2			12	13	7	15	19	33			99	66	no	
Pleasant Hill	Phillip Ray, Elkin		32	15	57	54	71	44	291		4	568	212	no	
Pleasant Home	Harrison Johnson, Ronda, Rt. 2			10		9	7	14	28	14		116		no	
Poplar Springs	Kelly Ray, State Road											224		no	
Rock Creek	U. J. Childress, N. Wilkesboro, Rt. 2			20	21	26	22	22	36			147	73	no	
Ronda	L. H. Petree, Ronda			12	14	11	27	39	33		1	137	85	no	
Shoaly Branch	J. H. White, State Road			16		15	15		24			70	80	no	
Union Hill	Grady Money, Thurmond, Rt. 1			15		6		21	17			59		no	
West Elkin	W. M. Snow, Elkin		4	10	15	9	7	6	49			100	45	no	
White Plains	Paul Waddell, Roaring River			24	23	21	26	26	21		7	148	84	no	
TOTALS		48	145	377	336	870	424	464	1578	130	41	4221	456	3	6

TABLE III — TRAINING UNION

CHURCHES	TRAINING UNION DIRECTORS AND ADDRESSES	Beginners Enrolled	Primaries Enrolled	Juniors Enrolled	Intermediates Enrolled	Young People Enrolled	Adults Enrolled	General Officers Enrolled	Grand Total Enrolled	Average Attendance
Cool Springs	Mrs. Paul Newman, Elkin	5	.....	15	18	12	20	5	75	55
East Elkin	Mason Burcham, Elkin	....	.....	10	.....	.....	14	2	26	18
Elkin First	Guy Mathis, Elkin	....	7	12	25	13	14	3	74	55
Elkin Valley	Mrs. Garvey Chambers, Elkin	5	.....	15	21	15	20	6	82	35
Macedonia	Ralph Tharpe, Ronda	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	53	24
Maple Springs	.....	....	20	11	.....	9	24	.....	64	66
Mineral Springs	Mrs. Linda Underwood, Elkin	....	10	11	13	.....	23	2	59	44
Mt. Pleasant	Mrs. Roy Webb, State Road	....	.....	10	13	10	17	2	52	33
Pleasant Hill	Faye Couch, Elkin	....	10	28	31	.....	30	3	102	104
Poplar Springs	R. W. Gentry, State Road, Rt. 1	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	80	55
Rock Creek	Cecil L. Porter, N. Wilkesboro, Rt. 2	....	10	16	17	11	8	5	67	45
Ronda	Finney Anthony, Ronda	5	.....	.....	6	.....	12	2	25	.....
West Elkin	Mrs. Howard Murphy, Elkin	10	.....	12	6	.....	22	.....	50	29
TOTALS		25	57	140	150	70	204	36	809	563

TABLE IV — WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

CHURCHES	PRESIDENTS OF W. M. S. AND ADDRESSES	W. M. S. Units	Y. W. A. Units	G. A. Units	R. A. Units	Sunbeam Units	Total Units	W. M. S. Enrolled	Y. W. A. Enrolled	G. A. Enrolled	R. A. Enrolled	Sunbeam Enrolled	Total Enrolled	Total Tithers All Organizations
East Elkin	Mrs. Lottie Burch, Elkin	1	.....	.....	.....	1	2	14	.....	.....	.....	17	31	7
Elkin First	Mrs. J. K. Bryant, Box 726, Elkin	1	1	2	1	1	6	231	8	40	13	25	317	140
Elkin Valley	Mrs. Lester Hollaway, Elkin	1	1	2	2	1	7	78	9	36	18	40	181	84
Mineral Springs	Mrs. Lorene Ingool, Jonesville	1	.....	1	.....	1	3	19	.....	12	.....	25	56	9
Mt. Pleasant	Mrs. Tyre Royall, State Road	1	1	2	1	1	6	18	5	21	12	20	76	.....
Pleasant Hill	Mrs. J. B. Hutchens, Elkin	THIS WORK IS NEWLY ORGANIZED												
Poplar Springs	Mrs. Connie Nance, State Road, Rt. 1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	27	.....	.....	.....	.....	27	3
Rock Creek	Mrs. Lester Johnson, Hays, Rt. 1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	16	.....	.....	.....	.....	16	8
Ronda	Mrs. Richard Martin, Ronda	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	15	.....	.....	.....	.....	15	10
West Elkin	Mrs. Howard Murphy, Elkin	1	.....	1	.....	1	3	28	.....	9	.....	17	54	.....
TOTALS		10	3	8	4	6	30	446	22	118	43	144	773	261

TABLE V — GIFTS GIVEN THROUGH THE CHURCH

CHURCH	TREASURERS AND ADDRESSES	Local Expenses (Exluding Pastor's Salary)	Pastor's Salary	Cooperative Program	Associational Missions	Designated State Missions	Designated Home Missions	Designated Foreign Missions	Christian Education, Schools	Orphans Home	Designated Hospitals	Relief and Annuity, Etc.	Total Expenditure For Missions	Grand Total Expenditure For All Purposes
Bessie's Chapel	Gaither Wall, Elkin, R1	225	529	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	60	13	4	88	841
Center	Miss Bonnie Spicer, Thurmond	503	110	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13	11	.....	24	637
Cool Springs	Mrs. Paul Newman, Elkin	3,120	1,152	.....	16	.....	.....	.....	48	164	32	30	289	4,562
East Elkin	Mrs. Margaret Cooke, Elkin	1,077	1,674	.....	.....	20	19	50	.....	45	11	121	267	3,018
Elkin First	T. L. Parnell, Elkin	231,239	5,400	5,600	.....	216	156	828	500	600	358	160	8,418	245,057
Elkin Valley	R. H. Transou, Elkin	19,224	4,558	335	.....	316	305	287	530	50	50	388	2,262	26,054
Little Elkin	Bill Francis, Ronda	2,200	1,218	.....	28	10	.....	13	100	52	13	.....	213	3,631
Macedonia	Mrs. Grady Dimmette, Ronda	770	541	79	.....	22	12	22	.....	116	23	.....	275	1,586
Maple Springs	E. V. Pardue, Ronda, R1	2,748	358	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	89	99	3,205
Mineral Springs	Charles Casstevens, Jonesville	7,265	2,930	.....	.....	132	70	150	50	200	50	75	727	10,922
Mt. Pleasant	J. Ralph Gentry, State Road	5,076	3,325	100	.....	45	49	272	52	75	74	208	875	9,276
Oak Grove	Mrs. Wake Watts, N. Wilkes., R2	369	600	10	.....	25	.....	.....	50	117	26	.....	228	1,197
Pleasant Hill	E. F. Yarboro, Elkin	8,365	2,540	940	.....	45	.....	106	100	647	300	339	2,476	13,382
Pleasant Home	Basil Edwards, R. River	2,436	508	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	79	25	26	129	3,074
Poplar Springs	Herman Hinson, State Road	1,235	1,150	.....	.....	30	.....	.....	.....	100	50	70	250	2,635
Rock Creek	Vaughn Durham, N. Wilkes, R2	2,597	540	24	5	20	188	50	5	14	28	79	412	3,549
Ronda	R. C. Martin, Ronda	1,181	840	42	.....	11	74	26	.....	30	40	10	233	2,254
Shoaly Branch	James A. Martin, Elkin R2	1,074	316	.....	.....	.....	.....	13	.....	25	20	.....	58	1,447
Union Hill	Mrs. M. Kennedy, Thurmond, R1	963	416	.....	.....	.....	13	.....	.....	119	20	.....	152	1,532
West Elkin	Miss Mallie E. Owen, Elkin	3,555	900	9	.....	7	7	15	50	17	21	31	158	4,614
White Plains	Paul Byrd, Roaring River	1,130	940	38	.....	15	.....	.....	.....	81	20	.....	154	2,224
TOTALS		292,352	30,545	7,187	49	914	893	1,832	1,485	2,604	1,195	1,630	17,787	344,697

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Mrs. Oscar Darnell, Intermediate Leader ..... Elkin
Mrs. Dale Irvin, Junior Leader ..... State Road

MINISTERS ORDAINED DURING THE YEAR

Tommy Johnson ..... Elkin

STUDENTS FOR THE MINISTRY

Tommy Johnson ..... Mitchell College
Ned Teague ..... Wake Forest
Paul F. Couch ..... Campbell College

LIST OF MESSENGERS

BESSIE'S CHAPEL—B. T. Southard, Philip Southard, Fred Holder. Alternates: Alfred Southard, S. C. Southard, A. D. Southard.

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LITTLE ELKIN—C. M. Laster, Odell Baker, Howard Money. Alternates: Walter Byrd, Mrs. M. C. Laster, Mary Laster.

MACEDONIA—Clyde Burchette, Ernest Edwards, Albert Collins. Alternates: Mrs. Ernest Edwards, Margie Key, Mrs. Rosa Lee Collins.

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PLEASANT HOME—John Q. Burcham, J. L. Jordan, J. B. Edwards. Alternates: Coy Durham, Quince Cheek, J. F. Darnell.

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WEST ELKIN—W. M. Snow, Ed Murphy, DeWitt Burchette, Mont

Transou. Alternates: Mrs. W. M. Snow, Mrs. Ed Murphy, Mrs. DeWitt Burchette, Mrs. Mont Transou.

WHITE PLAINS—Paul Byrd, Blaine McCann, Mrs. Blaine McCann, Mrs. Paul Byrd. Alternates: Will Jolly, Mrs. Will Jolly, Jay Anthony, Mrs. Jay Anthony.

CONSTITUTION

1. This Association shall be known as the Elkin Baptist Association, and shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches; each church being entitled to three delegates, and all regular ordained ministers as members ex officia.

2. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's Kingdom upon this earth.

3. The delegates thus selected should bear from each respective church a letter certifying their appointments, and communicating information relative to the state of the church and interest thereof.

4. The Association just formed shall elect, by ballot, a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall continue in office for one year, and until others are chosen. The last two offices may be held by the same individual.

5. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside at meetings of business; to keep order during each session; to decide questions of order; subject to an appeal to the house by any member and to perform all other duties pertaining to his office.

6. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a faithful and correct record of all the proceedings of each session of the Association and keep a minute of each session and to perform other duties assigned to him by the Association.

7. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to keep a correct record of all the funds coming into the hands and report the same at the order of the Association.

8. There shall be a Committee of Arrangements consisting of five members, besides the Moderator and Clerk.

9. All letters or grievances or queries, together with all letters from corresponding associations requiring any attention theron, shall be submitted to the Committee on Arrangements and reported back to the Association.

10. This body shall have no coersive powers to exercise lordship over God's heritage, but shall only be considered as advisory council in all matters respecting the internal regulations of the churches.

11. When an offense may have been committed by one church against the other, or when a series of difficulties may have arisen in an individual church, it shall be the duty of the Association (after due labors have been had between the offending and offended church, or an individual church, as the case may be) to take the matter into consideration and advise upon.

12. The Association shall not maintain permanent fellowship towards any of her churches which neglect to institute and preserve Gospel order among her members, nor any of her churches or ministers that treat her constitution with contempt; but shall sustain with all her influence, such as promote Gospel principles and order.

13. It shall be the province of this Association to invite visiting and corresponding brethren to seats, who shall be entitled to speak on any point under discussion, but not to vote.

14. The Association shall be in all cases (except in matters pertaining to the constitution) be governed by a majority of the members present, and shall not adjourn until they have gone through the business of the Association, except in extraordinary cases.

15. Each church having an ordained or licensed minister shall report the same to the Association in order that they may appear as such in the face of the minutes.

16. The Association shall furnish the churches with the minutes of her proceedings, and it shall be the duty of the churches to enable her to do so.

17. The Association shall have a fund, created and sustained by voluntary contributions from the churches, which shall be held by the treasurer and subject to the disposition of a majority of the Association present at any annual session.

18. The Association shall hold an annual meeting at such time and place as the body may from time to time designate.

19. By appointment of the Association there may be an Introductory Missionary and Denominational sermon preached each annual session.

20. This Constitution may be altered or amended at any time, two thirds of the members present concurring.

21. The benevolent institutions of the day shall be no bar or test of fellowship, but all shall be free to sustain or not sustain as they choose.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

2. The letters from the Churches shall be read and the names of the delegates enrolled.

3. A Moderator and Clerk chosen by a majority of the members present.

4. Only one member shall speak at a time who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator; and while speaking shall not be interrupted by any member except the Moderator.

5. The members speaking shall strictly adhere to the subject, and use no words calculated to irritate.

6. No members shall abrutly break off or absent himself without leave of the Association.

7. No member shall speak more than three times upon one subject without leave of the Association.

8. No members shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of the Association, nor whispering in time of public speech.

9. No member of the Association shall address another in any other appellation than that of Brother.

10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member or prohibit him from speaking till he gives his light on the subject, unless he breaks this decorum.

11. The names of the several members of the Association shall be called by the Clerk as often as the Association requires.

12. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privileges as any other members, provided his seat be filled; and he shall have no vote, unless the Association be equally divided.

13. Queries presented by churches shall be attended to by the Association.

14. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

15. Any member who shall willingly and knowingly break any of these rules shall be reproved by the Association, as they shall think proper.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in only one true and living God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost and these three are one.

2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the words of God, and the only rules of Faith and Practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of Election by grace.

4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin, and in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature by his own free will or ability.

5. We believe that sinners are called, converted, regenerated and santified by the Holy Spirit and that all who are thus regenerated are born again by the Spirit of God, shall never fall finally away.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God by imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.

7. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only subjects of those ordinances; and we believe that the only true mode of Baptism is by immersion.

8. We believe in the ressurection of the dead and a general judgment, and that the joys of righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

9. We believe that no minister has the right to administer the ordinances of the Gospel, except such as are regularly called, and come under the imposition of hands by the Presbytery.

PROCEEDINGS
Of The
SEVENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION
Of The
ELKIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
Held With The
ELKIN FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
September 22, 1955
And
ROCK CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH
September 23, 1955

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION — 9:45 A. M.

The Elkin Baptist Association was declared in session by the Moderator, Rev. Howard J. Ford.

Rev. W. C. Guth led the singing of "All Hail The Power Of Jesus Name."

Rev. E. P. Caudle conducted the devotional service using Psalm 32 as a basis for his thoughts.

Letters were called for and the messengers recognized. Nineteen of the churches were represented.

The following Committees were appointed: Resolutions Committee: Mrs. N. C. Teague, Chairman; Mrs. W. C. Guth and Mrs. Roxie Roth. Time, Place and Preacher Committee: Miss Dare Teague, Chairman; B. T. Southard and Leroy Hayes.

Visitors recognized — Rev. R. R. Crater, Brier Creek Association.

The Moderator's message was delivered by Rev. Howard J. Ford.

The following report, presented by Rev. W. R. Kimberlin, was accepted.

REPORT OF TRAINING UNION

It is a privilege to report to you the facts concerning our Lord's Training Program. Through your co-operation we have been able to make a step forward during the past year.

In the Association during the past year, we have seen the number of Training Unions increase from 12 to 15 and the enrollment from 690 to 1,003; an increase of 313 in enrollment. We also have in the 15 Training Unions 53 departments. A sad part of this report is that none of these Training Unions nor any of the departments are standard. There are at present two churches working to make their unions standard.

It is hoped that the Associational Training Union work will be on standard this coming year.

During the past year four Mass Meetings were held with an average attendance of 122; four Executive Meetings with an average attendance of 5 and four Officers and Leaders Council Meetings with an average attendance of 27.

There have been 301 awards requested during the past year from seven churches.

The work of the Training Union plays a vital part in the growth of any church. Our prayer is during the coming year that we, in our own church; in neighboring churches and in Associational work, will put forth every effort to train all the potentialities for the service of our Lord Jesus Christ. Yes, the field is large, the task is great, but remember the statement in Phillipians 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

Respectfully submitted,

W. R. KIMBERLIN

William Spradlin, Training Union Representative, spoke to the report.

The following report, presented by Philip Ray, was accepted.

REPORT ON THE CO-OPERATIVE PROGRAM

There are some twenty phases of work supported by our State Mission program. Mr. E. L. Spivey is directing this State Mission work. Some departments of State Mission work are: Allied Church League, Department of Evangelism, Sunday School Department, Training Union Department, Church Extensions, Pastoral Assistance, work among the silent, Summer Assemblies, Student Work Department and the Rural Church Department. There are 100 State Missionaries working in various parts of the State.

The many phases of the Home Mission Board are under the direction of Courts Redford. The Home Mission Board has just closed a five-year crusade in Home Missions with 1,000 regular and 324 student missionaries. Last year the Home Mission Board reported 35,843 conversions; 401 new missions opened; 359 new churches constituted.

It is anticipated by mid-summer of 1956 that the Foreign Mission Board will have appointed more missionaries than were appointed in all of 1955. There are 949 foreign missionaries in 35 countries; 2,268 churches; 544 schools, colleges and seminaries; 11 hospitals and many clinics. Often times earnest people have inquired, "Doesn't the Foreign Mission Board have all the money they need?" Quite the opposite is true. They need money for urgently needed churches, schools and hospitals.

What is the CO-OPERATIVE PROGRAM? To answer that one needs to ask why and how Baptists came to have this program. The Co-operative Program was inaugurated in 1925 and prior to this the churches set aside a day in the year for each particular object. Now Baptist think the Co-operative Program is the best plan to channel the offerings of each worshipper and each church into all the world.

A part of the offerings of the local church remains in the local church and a part is marked for the Co-operative Program. Our offerings do not go to the Co-operative Program, but through it. Few individuals or few churches can provide for the operation of a col-

lege, home or foreign missionary, but through the Co-operative Program we can help support all of these causes.

In our last associational year, we the Elkin Baptist Association, gave $7,197.00 through the Co-operative Program and in this associational year up to June 30, 1955, we have given $6,596.39.

Let us pledge that in the coming year our association will give more and more through the Co-operative Program — that the great commission may be fulfilled.

Respectfully submitted,

PHILIP RAY

Brother J. C. Pipes spoke to the report.

Special music by Ann Carol Carter who sang, "Open the Doors of the Temple."

Rev. W. R. Kimberlin brought the associational sermon using Mark 16:20 as the basis for his thoughts, "Obey." He lead the closing prayer of the morning session and at the same time returned thanks for the noonday meal which was prepared and served by the members of the First Baptist Church.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION — 1:00 P. M.

The afternoon session opened with the singing of "Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus." Rev. Cecil Hooper brought the devotional thoughts.

The following report, presented by Rev. N. C. Teague, was accepted.

REPORT ON RELIEF AND ANNUITY BOARD

In 1918 the Southern Baptist Convention organized the Ministers' Relief and Annuity Board which is now located at Dallas, Texas. Its ministry is two-fold; relief and plans for annuity or retirement.

The relief department is open to and helps provide for those ministers who are not in any annuity or retirement plan. North Carolina ministers retired due to age or disability are getting out of this fund more than Baptist of our state are putting into the fund. Many churches make an offering at least once-a-year to ministers' relief, perhaps on the occasion of the Lord's Supper observance.

The Ministers Retirement plan which was started in 1940 is our greatest asset to older and disabled ministers. The pastor, his church, and the State Convention pay in monthly or quarterly amounts based on proximating 50% of average salary. A little more than 40% of our pastors and churches and in the state are now in the retirement plan. More of our churches and pastors should enter the plan for it would benefit both churches and pastors. The Relief and Annuity Board with assets of more than $30,000,000 can amply back every membership to the fullest extent.

Pastors may now come under Social Security with the Government. In this the pastor makes the entire payment, about 3% of his income. We suggest that younger pastors enter this plan if at all possible. Older men may profit, too, since payments will be for fewer years before retirement.

Respectfully submitted,

N. C. TEAGUE

Remarks pertaining to the Relief and Annuity report were given by Rev. N. C. Teague.

The following report, presented by Dr. V. W. Taylor, was accepted.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Why do Baptists consider it necessary to operate Theological Seminaries and Colleges? It is perfectly reasonable for us to pause from time to time and demand that we answer these questions about what we are doing.

As Southern Baptists we seem to believe that there is an ever-growing need for increasing the number and enlarging the present theological seminaries for the training of ministers of the gospel and other full-time Christian workers. In addition to our five Southern Baptist theological seminaries, we aid the American Baptist Seminary for Negroes in Nashville, Tennesse and the Carver School of Missions and Social Work. These seven institutions had a total enrollment of 5,782 young people last year studying for various phases of full-time Christian service, including 3,826 ministers and 810 mission volunteers.

Southern Baptists in this Convention year of 1955 propose to give these seven seminaries a total of $31,095.96 from their Co-operative Program funds for an average of $535 per student. These funds will be used for both operating the seminaries and providing new buildings and other capital improvements.

Here in North Carolina, in addition to the Southeastern Seminary on the Wake Forest College Campus, we have seven Baptist colleges with a total enrollment of appromixately 6,000 young people; 750 of whom are training for the ministry and full-time mission service. Unfortunately, North Carolina Baptists are not providing as much financial assistance for a young man or young woman enrolled in one of these colleges as Southern Baptist provide for the seminary students. In 1955 our Co-operative Program budget is expected to provide $945,146.00, an average of a little more than $150 per student.

The seven colleges in North Carolina are: Wake Forest, Meredith, Mars Hill, Campbell, Gardner-Webb, Wingate and Chowan. Wake Forest will be moved to Winston-Salem in June 1956 and the Southeastern Seminary will then take over all the property of the campus at Wake Forest. All of these seven colleges are in building and expansion programs, trying to provide for the ever increasing number of students wanting to attend Baptist Colleges. Certainly as Baptist we are now facing our greatest opportunities in the work of Christian Education.

People no longer question the need for knowledge and true education. The present demands of our world make education a necessity. We observe the fruits of Christian education in our best homes. The best churches are those which seek trained men and women for leadership. Our Foreign Mission Board insists that only those young men and young women who have had college and seminary training can be considered prepared to carry the gospel message to the world. Our missionaries on the foreign field tell us how inadequate they find themselves to compete with the knowledge of the leaders of the other religions and philosophies of life. God has said, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge," and Baptist believe that Christian education is a vital part of all that they undertake to accomplish.

As Missionary Baptist we find our true measure in our willing-

ness to forget self for the carrying of the gospel to the ends of the earth. What we do in our homes and in our local churches is basic and necessary, but the fullest expression of a living Christ in us to be found in our willingness to do for others and ultimately to die, if needs be, that others may live. Chritsian education, to be true, must enable us to attain to the fullest this goal of Christian living.

For these and many other reasons Baptist support their colleges and seminaries with their young people and in their stewardship of money.

Respectfully submitted,
DR. V. W. TAYLOR

Facts pertaining to our colleges and seminaries were given by Mr. John Cox representing Wingate and Mr. Allen Greene of Gardner-Webb.

The following report, given by Guy Mathis was accepted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday School, during the past year, through the evangelistic teaching and enlistment program has had the greatest growth in the history of the association.

The 21 churches in our association has a Sunday School enrollment of 4,362. This is an increase of 141 over the past year. There has been 12 Vacation Bible Schools with an enrollment of 1,367 in these schools.

Many of our churches have provided more space and this has helped the Sunday Schools to organize more departments and to enlist and train more workers.

The Elkin Association has had more than 700 awards given in the last year for study courses in Sunday School work.

Looking forward to the coming year, let us begin now preparations for an Associational Sunday School Enlargement Campaign and an Associational Sunday School Clinic. We have asked the State Sunday School Workers to come into our association and help us put on this campaign some time in the early part of 1956; and they have expressed their desire in wanting to help us and will let us know as soon as possible the dates they can help us.

Respectfully submitted,
GUY MATHIS

Brother Jack Bagwell spoke to the report.

Brother R. M. Hauss of Shelby, representative of the Allied Church League, spoke to the Association using the topic "A Wonderful Appeal To Teach And Work Against Alcohol."

Rev. R. R. Crater of the Brier Creek Association closed the first days session with prayer.

SECOND DAY'S SESSION, ROCK CREEK
FRIDAY MORNING — 9:45 A. M.

The morning session opened with a hymn. Rev. Carnie Shugart read Psalm 133 and lead in prayer.

The following report, presented by Rev. W. C. Guth, was accepted.

REPORT ON AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY

In a certain desert area in Northwestern India, a group of men

gathered around a young Christian layman working as government surveyor. He used this opportunity to tell the good news of Jesus Christ to the men who had never previously heard the Gospel of Christ. As he spoke of the story of the Cross, one of his older listeners asked, "Is that book in my language?" When told that it was, he exclaimed, "Young man, get me that book!" Holding the Book in his hands and opening his heart to the Saviours message, he asked the searching question, "Why didn't someone bring us the Book long ago?"

The old man's question stirs our hearts to take the Bible yet to the millions that still wait in darkness. This incident as well as many others emphasize the missionary principle which is true the world around, namely — that every person must have the Bible in his own language if the Word of God is to speak to his heart.

Giving the Bible to the people of the world in their own language certainly is the task of every missionary. In John 1:1 we read that "In the beginning was the Word — that Word was God." Verse 14 — "The Word became flesh and dwelt among us." That Eternal Word was translated in the language of the masses of the people. The first was God's part, but the last is man's part.

The American Bible Society comes into play here. It aids in the translation of the Bible, publishes the Scriptures without note or comment and distributes them — without profit and usually below cost — for mission work around the world, and for the blind, it supplied scriptures in raised letter systems and on talking book recordings.

The American Bible Society is an active partner of the Southern Baptists in their world wide mission program; it serves every form of mission work both home and abroad. We can best understand the tremendous impact the Society is making upon missions by what has been done during this past year of 1954.

It distributes around the world more than fifteen million volumes of scriptures.

It donates 1,360,604 scripture volumes for the armed forces, providing a vital link between the home churches and the members of the armed forces.

It continues to supply scriptures in many strategic areas, such as Germany and other countries along the "fringe" of the Armed Curtain; Africa, Latin America, Japan, Korea and India — and to millions of Chinese in the countries of East Asia and Southeast Asia, outside the communist-controlled mainland.

It received gifts which provided for the largest budget in its history and adopted for this year an even larger program to serve more of the millions who still wait for the Word of God — keenly conscious that missionary advance, through increased scripture distribution, waits only for needed funds.

Southern Baptist have an important part in this program. In 1954 our Baptist churches gave $112,064 to the American Bible Society and stood next to the Methodist, who gave $155,109. Gifts from the churches of all denominations totaled $826,721.

Here as everywhere turn about is fair play. The Society has been doing a magnificent work in assisting Southern Baptist by supplying Bibles on the mission fields for our missionaries to distribute. Ought not every Southern Baptist church of the Elkin Association do her part in the support of the Society that is helping our cause for Christ?

HAS YOUR CHURCH GIVEN TO THE AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY THIS PAST YEAR OF 1954?

The help of every Southern Baptist is needed. All such gifts should be sent to Raleigh marked the American Bible Society.

The following report, presented by J. Livingston Williams, was accepted.

REPORT ON NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST HOSPITAL

Our Baptist Hospital located at Winston-Salem, fills an important place in the lives and work of our North Carolina Baptist. Our hospital will serve approximately 50,000 patients during the year of 1955, thereby, touching every area of our State.

In addition to treating and comforting this great host of sick people, our hospital will provide an education for more than 450 young people who are in training to become nurses, doctors, technicians, pastors and other Christian leaders.

The Department of Pastoral Care provides Christian councelling and guidance for the patients, students, hospital staff and personnel, as well as hundreds of others who come to our hospital from over the State of North Carolina.

It is not easy just to estimate the value of these and other services rendered by our hospital to multiplied thousands of people of all ages in the fields of health, education, and spiritual guidance.

The cost of carrying on this program for such a multitude of people is tremendous. More than $2,000,000.00 will be spent this year. One half million of this will be spent in helping to care for sick people who are not able to pay for the service and treatment they need. We are grateful for the privilege of sharing in such a great work and the hospital appreciated the churches of the Elkin Association, for their part in this great endeavor.

The opportunities for Christian service and Christian giving through our hospital are truly great. We need to give it a much more generous support through our Mother's Day offering and the Cooperative Program.

Respectfully submitted,
J. LIVINGSTON WILLIAMS

Brother W. H. McGee, director of the Department of Religion at the Baptist Hospital, was introduced and spoke to the report. He told of the fine work being done there by the nurses, doctors and chaplains.

The following report, presented by Mrs. W. C. Guth, was accepted.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE

During the past year your program of Child Care has moved steadily forward. Probably there has never been a year in the history of the Orphanage when the children's needs were more adequately met.

God created the home as a place for children to live as they grow into maturity. The best institution is a poor substitute for a good Christian home. However, we are doing our best at your Children's Home to make conditions as nearly like a normal home as possible. This is reflected in the fine spirit of your children.

During the year we cared for a total of 713 children. At the same time we gave services and helped in the placement of more than 600 other children.

Your Orphanage publication, CHARITY AND CHILDREN, continues to reach our people all over the state in ever increasing numbers. It carries the message direct from the Orphanage to more

than 47 thousand homes each week. Every church in the state should have a club of ten or more copies to be distributed in the Sunday Schools. The subscription price is 60c per year in clubs of 10 or more. Through CHARITY AND CHILDREN you get so much for so little you just can't afford to miss it.

Special gifts have made possible the continuation of our building program. The new church building at Kennedy Home is almost completed. It is considered one of the more beautiful in the state. This will greatly help to meet the greatest single need of the 160 children who live there.

During the year the Broyhill Swimming Pool was constructed at Mills Home. This was a gift from the Broyhills of Lenoir. It meets a very definite need in the lives of growing children.

In 1954 our income from the churches was at an all-time high.

The Baptist State Convention voted for the Orphanage to come into the Co-operative Program beginning January 1, 1955. From the Co-operative Program it is to receive "That part of its support not otherwise provided for." Under this plan the vast majority of the churches continue to send to the Orphanage the Once-A-Month offering just as in the past. Some, however, have put the Orphanage in their Co-operative Program budget. It now looks as if about $60,000.00 of our income this year will be through the Co-operative Program.

Under the new plan of support the Thanksgiving offering becomes more important than ever before. Any future expansion of your Child Care program will depend largely upon this offering. Hence, the Orphanage representative in our Association, along with every pastor and Sunday School worker, is urged to try to get every church to promote a worthy "Thank Offering" this year. Urge each person to give at least "One Day's Pay" to help the host of homeless children who cannot possibly help themselves.

The true greatness of any group of people is measured largely in terms of the care, the training, and the religious attitudes it gives to its children. If we Baptists are to hear from our Saviour the words, "Well done, thou faithful servants," we will have to continue to minister to the homeless and helpless children in our midst. Your faith and mine in redeeming love and power of a merciful Saviour is all that stands between these little ones and utter destruction. We never have, we never will fail them.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. W. C. GUTH

Brother W. C. Reed spoke in an instructive manner of the Orphanage work.

After an old familiar hymn, Rev. George Hankins preached the Associational sermon; gave the benediction and returned thanks for the noonday meal.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION — 1:45 P. M.

Rev. John Wells conducted the devotional service for the afternoon session.

The following report, presented by Mrs. John Sears, was accepted.

REPORT ON WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

In all achievement and success Woman's Missionary Union has ever sought to bring honor and praise to God.

We have Missionary Societies in 10 churches in our Association. Women from several other churches have made request for help in organizing societies in the near future and we are eager to help and encourage this work.

We are happy to report four new young people's organizations — one YWA, two G.A.'s, and one Sunbeam with an increase of 155 new members and 48 new members in the Women's Organizations.

With thankful hearts we report 38 new tithers and an increase of $944.91 over our total offerings for last year.

May we in the coming year go forward with greater zeal to Labor together that "all the ends of the world shall remember and turn to the Lord" that this way may be known to all the kingdom of the earth, and they too will Serve the Lord Christ.

Let us enlarge, spare not, lengthen and strengthen our unions to lift up Christ to the World, that all nations may serve and adore his holy name.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. JOHN M. SEARS

The following report, presented by Mrs. W. T. Roth, was accepted.

REPORT ON BIBLICAL RECORDER

Christian literature does not need defending: IT NEEDS MORE DISTRIBUTION and wider reading. Never before have Baptist had such opportunities as today to magnify and promote the Lord's work through vital Christian literature. The printed page is powerful, its influence is universal. People tend to become like the things they read and absorb in their minds and hearts. The flood of bad literature has spread over our land, with almost every news stand, drug store, bus station and every grocery selling objectional comic books, bad magazines, lurid books and periodicals that the U. S. mails refuse to carry. This bad literature very often finds its way into Baptist homes; its pages are filled with the seeds of evil. Wider reading of good Christian literature would soon destroy the thirst for the bad. Baptists have a great opportunity — to provide the best reading matter they can get for their homes.

Baptist have compelling reasons for securing and reading Christian literature, especially from their own presses. The aim of it all is to promote Bible study, to build Christian character, and to inform, enlist, indoctrinate, inspire and unify our people in all the great work the Lord has committed to us. Dr. E. M. Dodd said: "A non-reading Baptist is a non-informed Baptist. A non-informed Baptist is a non-interested Baptist. A non-interested Baptist is a non-cooperative Baptist and a non-cooperative Baptist is not much of a Baptist."

In North Carolina the Biblical Recorder is the one publication covering the entire field of our Baptist work. Without our state paper, successful promotion of our Lord's work in all Baptist channels would be well-nigh impossible. The Recorder has carried the message of Baptist progress into Baptist homes for 122 years or since 1833. At present the Biblical Recorded is received in approximately 61,250 homes each week. It should go into every Baptist home.

In our Elkin Association only 412 homes receive the Biblical Recorder. With approximately 5,300 Baptist members in our Elkin Association, this means that less than 1.3 of our families are receiving our Baptist paper. Could that be the reason we are giving so little to missions — 13 of our churches did not give to the Co-

operative Program. Could it be that those churches are the ones not giving? Could it be because they do not know about missions?

We earnestly urge all pastors, deacons, superintendents, WMU and training union leaders and others to help us get the RECORDER into every home in the association.

Every-family plan (every family in the church) is $1.50 a year. The club plan (5 or more members of one church) $2.00 a year. Individual subscriptions are $2.50 a year. All subscriptions are payable in advance.

Our Recorder is our oldest Baptist paper and one that has a glowing record. Address all communications to:

Biblical Recorder
Biblical Recorder Building
Raleigh, North Carolina

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. W.T. ROTH

Brother L. L. Carpenter spoke, giving a very interesting and informative report on the BIBLICAL RECORDER.

The following report, presented by Mrs. Earl James, was accepted.

REPORT ON HOME FOR AGING

The North Carolina Baptist Homes for the Aging began their fifth year of operation March 16, 1955. This has been a year of encouraging progress. Both Homes — Resthaven and Albemarle — have had a continuing waiting list of applicants. As soon as a vacancy occurs there are far more applicants for admission than can be accepted.

This year will be remembered as one of notable enlargement of facilities. Construction of the Administration and Residential Building, costing $300,000, will get under way, and it should be completed by this time next year. The new building will provide office facilities, dining room, kitchen, chapel, infirmary, recreational and handicraft space, and rooms for forty additional residents, thus raising the total capacity of the homes to 95 residents.

Two-thirds of the cost of the new building is now in hand, counting the value of real estate turned over to the homes. Personal and corporation gifts are being received which will further add to the amount on hand.

Memorial gifts may be made in the following way: A gift of $300 will furnish a room; $1,000 will endow — furnish and maintain — a room; $3,000 will pay cost of building a room. In either case, a memorial plaque — bearing the name of the donor and the name of the person memorialized, or honored — will be placed on the door of a room.

Miss Nettie Pearl Willis gave here homeplace at Vale, N. C., as a memorial to her mother, Mrs. Laura Elliott Goode Willis. The property will be sold and proceeds be used to erect a cottage on the permanent site of our homes. In addition, Miss Willis made her will in favor of the homes.

Increasing support on the part of our churches and denominational program gives great encouragement. So far this year, our Special Day Offering has reached almost $70,000. Since many of the churches put the homes in the budget instead of taking a special offering, and some of the churches wait until the end of the calendar

year to send their gifts, a complete report for the year cannot be made at this time. But it is likely that our goal of $100,000 for the special offering will be nearly reached. In addition, the homes will receive $39,850 as their share of the Nine Year Program, according to the estimated budget.

With increasing aid from denominational sources, the homes are helping a larger number who do not have sufficient funds with which to pay the cost of keep as resident. In fact, about ninety per cent of all the residents are being helped by the homes — some with about two-thirds of the cost of keep, and others with about one-third. Less than ten per cent of the residents in the homes have turned over enough assets to pay their cost of keep on the life plan. Regardless of financial condition, an applicant is received into the homes on the basis of need and room available.

All connected with the homes — staff and residents — are most grateful for the prayers and support of our friends. "Hitherto hath the Lord helped." Surely all North Carolina Baptists should be grateful for the progress made thus far. Let us all rally to the challenge to render a greater ministry to the increasing number of aging friends who need the services of our homes.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. EARL JAMES

Elkin Association contributions to the North Carolina Baptist Homes during 1955 to August 1.

Center	$ 12.50
Cool Springs	32.27
East Elkin	12.00
Elkin First	97.25
Elkin Valley	78.00
Macedonia	16.90
Mineral Springs	75.00
Oak Grove	20.34
Pleasant Hill	165.54
Poplar Springs	15.00
Shoaly Branch	19.00
Union Hill	9.25
West Elkin	28.80
White Plains	30.00
	$611.85

Brother Zeb A. Caudle spoke in an instructive manner of the work being done in these two homes.

The following reports were given by the Resolutions Committee; Committee on Time, Place and Preacher and the Nominating Committee.

REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS

The Elkin Baptist Association gratefully expresses its appreciation to the host churches of this Seventy-seventh Annual Session, the new First Baptist Church of Elkin and the Rock Creek Baptist Church. Your concern and provisions for the comfort of your guests,

the bountiful meals provided, and the Christian fellowship afforded have enriched and blessed our lives.

We express our gratitude and commendation to Rev. Howard J. Ford, our moderator, for his untiring ministry to this Association and for the Christian Spirit and understanding. We pledge to the incoming Moderator, Rev. W. C. Guth, our prayers and co-operation.

We express our thanks to those who came to us representing different phases of our great Baptist program; to those bringing messages from our various institutions and to all officers and committeemen of this Association whose close co-operation and work have made these days of meetings profitable.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. N. C. TEAGUE, Chairman
MRS. W. C. GUTH
MRS. ROXIE ROTH

REPORT ON TIME, PLACE AND PREACHER

Time: Thursday and Friday, September 20 and 21, 1956.
Place: Thursday — East Elkin Baptist Church
Friday — Union Hill Baptist Church
Preacher: Thursday — George Walters; Alternate: Carnie Shugart
Friday — N. C. Teague; Alternate: Lloyd Pardue

Respectfully submitted,
MISS DARE TEAGUE, Chairman
B. T. SOUTHARD
LEROY HAYES

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Moderator—Rev. W. C. Guth.
Vice-Moderator—Rev. N. C. Teague.
Clerk—Mrs. H. A. Frye.
Sunday School Superintendent—Guy Mathis.
Evangelistic Committee—George Hankins.
Training Union—Bill Kimberlin.
Baptist Hospital—Livingston Williams.
Biblical Recorder—Mrs. W. T. Roth.
Relief and Annuity—Rev. John Wells.
Baptist Orphanage—Mrs. W. M. Snow.
American Bible Society—Denver Holcomb.
Home for Aging—W. H. Combs.
Allied Church League—E. G. Jordan.

Executive Committee—Rev. W. C. Guth, J. W. Shepherd, W. H. Combs, Dr. M. O. Fox, N. C. Teague, Rev. J. L. Powers, Rev. Howard J. Ford.

Radio and Visual Education—Dr. Linn Fincannon.

Christian Education—Dr. V. W. Taylor.

Committee to rewrite the Constitution and By-laws—Rev. N. C. Teague, Rev. W. R. Kimberlin, Dr. M. O. Fox, Rev. Howard J. Ford.

Respectfully submitted,
W. H. COMBS, Chairman

Rev. E. G. Jordan conducted the memorial service for those who had passed to their rewards since the last meeting of our Association.

The following report, presented by Rev. W. C. Guth, was accepted.

REPORT ON EVANGELISM

Like most every department of our associational work, evangelism, also, has made some strides in the Kingdom work. Of all the churches in the association, only one reports no baptisms or additions for the year. Seventeen churches had two revivals and four had one revival the past year.

We are happy to report that all 21 churches had a revival last spring. Of that number, 17 had their meeting between April 10 and April 24, or during the period planned for the Simultaneous Revival meetings in this section of North Carolina, and the remaining four had their meeting in close proximity to that date. As a result of that concentrated effort of Simultaneous Revival Evangelism, there were 133 baptisms and 84 rededications reported. One church alone had 39 baptisms during this Crusade for Christ.

There were twelve churches that sponsored a Daily Vacation Bible School. From this special ministry has come 30 professions of faith. Out of this total of 30 professions, one church alone had 18.

The total number of baptisms for the year was 243. There were 354 additions to all the churches of the Association (including those by baptism, letter, statement and etc.) However, there were 132 losses by death, dismissal, and erasure, leaving a total net gain to the churches of 222.

Respectfully submitted,
W. C. GUTH

The benediction was pronounced at 3:15 p. m. and the Seventy-seventh annual session of the Elkin Baptist Association adjourned.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Balance on hand September 25, 1954		$218.18
Disbursements during the period		
Elk Printing Co.	176.00	
Mailing Expenses	5.00	
		181.00
Balance on hand December 31, 1954		$ 37.18
Associational Minute Fund		199.50
Total on Hand September 23, 1955		$236.68

IN MEMORIAM

COOL SPRINGS
- Mrs. Lucille Pitts
- Mr. Paul Adams
- Mrs. Verna Pruitte

EAST ELKIN
- Mrs. Martha Pardue

ELKIN FIRST
- Mr. C. C. Fulp
- Mr. W. W. Hanks
- Mrs. Tyre Wood
- Mrs. W. J. Thurman
- Mrs. F. A. Brendle

ELKIN VALLEY
- Mr. John Freeman
- Mrs. Fannie Jackson
- Mrs. Etta Darnell

MACEDONIA
- Mrs. Clay Hemric

MAPLE SPRINGS
- Mr. Eugene Triplett

OAK GROVE
- Mrs. R. F. Bauguess

PLEASANT HILL
- Mr. W. W. Darnell (Deacon)
- Mr. Robey Cockerham (Deacon)
- Mrs. Eva Mickle
- Mr. E. F. Yarborough (Deacon)

POPLAR SPRINGS
- Mrs. Monroe Richardson

ROCK CREEK
- Mr. D. F. Sebastian
- Mr. Charles Wood (Deacon)
- Miss Nancy Wood

WEST ELKIN
- Mrs. Nancy Burcham

WHITE PLAINS
- Mr. Vance Truitt
- Mrs. Charity Poplin
- Mr. John Alexander

TABLE I — CHURCH AND MEMBERSHIP

CHURCHES	Location, Rural V-T-C	Date Organized	Dates of Meeting	PASTORS AND ADDRESSES	Baptisms	Letters and other additions	Loss by Death, Transfer	Total Resident Members	Total Non-Resident Mem.	Grand Total Present Mem.	Revival Meetings Held	Number Tithers
Bessie's Chapel	R	1935	2, 4	Lloyd Pardue, Elkin, Box 23	39	5	.....	101	15	116	1	.....
Center	R	1839	1, 3	Carl Cockerham, Roaring River	2	.....	4	43	31	74	2	.....
Cool Springs	R	1805	2, 3, 4	C. B. Mikles, East Bend	10	.....	7	.....	26	263	2	.....
East Elkin	C	1921	1, 3	E. G. Jordan, Elkin, Box 543	7	3	10	121	110	231	2	15
Elkin First	C	1889	Full	Howard J. Ford, Elkin	19	14	30	.....	.....	730	1	202
Elkin Valley	V	1914	Full	W. C. Guth, Elkin, Rt. 2	23	13	22	508	61	569	2	100
Little Elkin	R	1905	2, 4	E. P. Caudle, Yadkinville	10	1	7	157	96	253	2	.....
Macedonia	R	1876	1, 3	R. A. Call, N. Wilkesboro, Rt. 2	9	.....	11	186	52	238	2	.....
Maple Springs	R	1943	1, 3	Edd O. Miller, Boomer, Rt. 1	.....	.....	7	.....	.....	94	2	3
Mineral Springs	T	1940	Full	George Hankins, Jonesville	18	12	8	277	64	341	2	30
Mt. Pleasant	V	1887	Full	W. R. Kimberlin, State Road	25	22	9	189	70	259	2	.....
Oak Grove	R	1946	1, 3	L. J. Pardue, Elkin, Box 23	4	3	3	70	39	109	2	.....
Pleasant Hill	V	1897	Full	N. C. Teague, Elkin	25	17	19	567	176	741	2	77
Pleasant Home	R	1878	2, 4	(None at present)	2	3	6	.....	.....	228	2	.....
Poplar Springs	R	1885	1, 3	Woodrow Wishon, State Road	5	.....	1	162	77	239	2	4
Rock Creek	R	1849	2, 4	Carnie Shugart, Jonesville	6	8	9	201	96	297	2	.....
Ronda	V	1893	2, 4	John L. Wells, N. Wilkesboro	3	4	12	127	65	192	1	.....
Shoaly Branch	R	1884	1, 3	James M. Reece, Thurmond	14	5	1	.....	.....	153	1	.....
Union Hill	R	1948	1, 3	Cecil Hooper, Elkin	1	2	1	32	19	51	2	6
West Elkin	R	1940	2, 4	J. L. Powers, Elkin	8	13	3	94	58	152	2	.....
White Plains	R	1843	1, 3	George Walters, Elkin	7	1	8	210	25	235	2	1
TOTALS					237	126	178	3045	1054	5565	38	435

TABLE II — THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

CHURCHES	Sunday School Superintendents and Addresses	Cradle Roll	Nursery	Beginners	Primaries	Juniors	Intermediates	Young People	Adults	Extension Department	Officers of Classes, Depts.	Grand Total Sunday School Enrollment	Vacation Bible School Enrollment	January Bible Study	No. Training Schools
Bessie's Chapel	Gaither Wall, Elkin, Rt. 1			24		16	13	24	76			153			
Center	Sam Spicer, Thurmond			14		16	19		20		6	75			
Cool Springs	Eugene Pettyjohn, Elkin, Rt. 2			11	27	18	26	22	48		4	152	78	yes	
East Elkin	Thomas McBride, Elkin			20	20	15	13	28	61	1	3	161	50	yes	2
Elkin First	L. F. Mathis, Elkin	14	87	45	63	71	54	43	286	30	5	698	203	yes	2
Elkin Valley	Bill Walters, Elkin	10	25	25	45	52	50	53	188	30	4	482	125	no	2
Little Elkin	Cecil Lawrence, Elkin			10	15	18	18	15	75		2	153	85		
Macedonia	Roy Felts, Ronda, Rt. 1			11	16	10	32	11	40		2	122		no	
Maple Springs	Glenn Burchette, Ronda, Rt. 1			19		18		15	30		5	101		no	
Mineral Springs	Transou Boles, Jonesville			20	25	36	25	15	110		3	234	131	no	
Mt. Pleasant	W. A. Walters, State Road	1	14	10	22	23	20	18	85	8	2	203	143	yes	1
Oak Grove	Wake J. Watts, N. Wilkesboro			17	16	13	14	31	35			126	50	no	
Pleasant Hill	Phillip Ray, Elkin	19	28	33	42	70	71	52	302	18	4	639	245	yes	1
Pleasant Home	Thaddeaus Darnell, Roaring River, Rt. 1			9		8	6	11	49			116		no	
Poplar Springs	Kelly Ray, State Road, Rt. 1											226		no	
Rock Creek	Ulesse Childress, N. Wilkesboro, Rt. 2			18	17	22	33	26	31			147	87	no	
Ronda	Tom Hanks, Ronda			11	15	5	18	31	26	9	1	117		yes	
Shoaly Branch	Jim White, State Road			25		25		16	56			122			
Union Hill	Grady Money, Thurmond, Rt. 1			16		8		18	21			63		no	
West Elkin	W. M. Snow, Elkin		5	11	12	11	10	8	61			118	80	no	
White Plains	Walter Bryant, Roaring River			19	20	17	18	22	25		6	154	90	no	
TOTALS		44	169	368	355	472	440	459	1625	96	47	4362	1367	6	8

TABLE III — TRAINING UNION

CHURCHES	TRAINING UNION DIRECTORS AND ADDRESSES	Nursery	Beginners	Primaries	Juniors	Intermediates	Young People	Adults	General Officers Enrolled	Grand Total Enrolled	Average Attendance
Cool Springs	Wanda Pettyjohn, Elkin, Rt. 2		5	5	9	6	17	20	2	62	40
East Elkin	Mason Burcham, Elkin			10	12		13	16	3	54	34
Elkin First	Dare Teague, Elkin	2	6	7	24	25	9	19	3	95	62
Elkin Valley	Mrs. Oscar Darnell, Elkin		3		12	19	13	22		69	36
Macedonia	Ralph Tharpe, Ronda			4	5	16		20	2	47	17
Maple Springs			19		18		15	30	5	87	67
Mineral Springs	Johnny York, Elkin, Box 601		14		11	10	6	28	2	71	42
Mount Pleasant	Frederick Burcham, State Road	7	8		14	14	6	19	2	70	46
Pleasant Hill	Linville Couch, Elkin		7	23	43	34	8	57	2	174	107
Pleasant Home	Thaddeaus Darnell, Roaring River, Rt. 2		6		8			16	14	44	29
Poplar Springs	Clyde Orr, Elkin, Box 721								6	90	56
Rock Creek	Eugene Sebastian, N. Wilkesboro, Rt. 2			10	14	17	11	10	5	62	45
Ronda	F. C. Anthony, Roaring River			5	5	4		12	2	28	18
Shoaly Branch	James Martin, Elkin, Rt. 2			9			29	21		69	40
West Elkin	Mrs. Howard Murphy, Elkin		9		16	13		24	3	62	36
	TOTALS	9	86	73	201	168	127	314	51	1084	675

TABLE IV — WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

CHURCHES	PRESIDENTS OF W.M.S. AND ADDRESSES	W. M. S. Units	Y. W. A. Units	G. A. Units	Sunbeam Units	Total Units	W. M. S. Enrolled	Y. W. A. Enrolled	G. A. Enrolled	Sunbeam Enrolled	Total Enrollment	Total Tithers All Organizations
East Elkin	Mrs. Lottie Burch, Elkin	1	.....	.....	1	2	10	.....	.....	19	29	7
Elkin First	Mrs. J. K. Bryant, Elkin	1	1	2	2	6	221	9	29	43	302	132
Elkin Valley	Mrs. Edward Darnell, Elkin	1	1	2	1	5	79	9	40	25	153	.....
Mineral Springs	Mrs. Lorene Ingool, Jonesville	1	.....	1	1	3	21	.....	17	18	56	12
Mt. Pleasant	Mrs. J. Ralph Gentry, State Road	1	1	1	1	4	24	3	23	18	68	33
Pleasant Hill	Mrs. J. B. Hutchens, Elkin	1	1	1	.....	3	39	10	43	.....	115	28
Poplar Springs	Mrs. Herman Hinson, State Road, Rt. 1	1	.....	.....	.....	1	20	.....	.....	.....	20	4
Rock Creek	Mrs. Vaughn Durham, N. Wilkesboro, Rt. 2	1	.....	.....	.....	1	16	.....	.....	.....	16	6
Ronda	Mrs. Richard Martin, Ronda	1	.....	.....	.....	1	13	.....	.....	.....	13	.....
West Elkin	Mrs. Granville Cheek, Elkin	1	.....	1	2	4	26	.....	14	22	62	.....
TOTALS		10	4	8	8	30	489	31	166	145	832	222

TABLE V — BROTHERHOOD

CHURCHES	Presidents of Men's Brotherhoods and Addresses	Men's Brotherhood Enroll.	No. Meetings Held	Young Men's Brotherhood Enrollment	No. Meetings Held	R. A. Enrollment	No. Meetings Held	Total Brotherhood Enrollment	No. Meetings Held
East Elkin	C. C. Francis, Elkin	27	24					27	24
Elkin First	Grady R. Fuller, Elkin	76	10			18	24	94	34
Elkin Valley	Reginald Gambill, Elkin	39	12			29	18	68	30
Mineral Springs						23	8	23	8
Mt. Pleasant	Gene Hemric, State Road			12	11	13	24	25	34
TOTALS		142	46	12	11	83	74	239	130

TABLE VI — GIFTS GIVEN THROUGH THE CHURCH

CHURCHES	TREASURERS AND ADDRESSES	Local Expenses (Excluding Pastor's Salary	Pastor's Salary	Cooperative Program	Designated State Missions	Designated Home Missions	Designated Foreign Missions	Christian Education Schools	Orphans Home	Designated Hospitals	Relief and Annuity, Etc.	Total Expenditure For Missions	Grand Total Expenditure For All Purposes
Bessie's Chapel	Billy S. Wall, Elkin, Rt. 1	4,505	774						68	25		93	5,372
Center	Bonnie S. Spicer, Thurmond	552	137						16	18	30	64	754
Cool Springs	Mrs. Paul Newman, Elkin	1,758	1,116	100	60		16	149	138	42	44	540	3,414
East Elkin	Mrs. Glenn Cook, Elkin	849	1,780	37	4	8			15	21	371	456	3,085
Elkin First	T. L. Parnell, Elkin	193,560	6,093	6,258	251	234	932	97	650	278	160	8,860	208,513
Elkin Valley	Paul Fletcher, Elkin	15,594	4,260	875	282	149	365	43	198	154	748	2,815	23,030
Little Elkin	Baxter Lyon, Ronda, Rt. 1	2,832	1,158			26	25		55	24		130	4,120
Macedonia	Walter Flynn, Ronda, Rt. 1	1,755	440	73		11	17		86	28		216	2,411
Maple Springs	Beamer Boyd, Ronda, Rt. 1	1,035	320							10	131	141	1,496
Mineral Springs	Victor Poindexter, Jonesville	8,678	3,430	24	155	70	164	30	100	38	75	656	12,764
Mt. Pleasant	J. Ralph Gentry, State Road	4,539	3,515	480	32	64	192		90	100	56	1,014	9,068
Oak Grove	O. G. Tharpe, N. Wilkes, Rt. 2	1,263	600	182				25	142	12		361	2,324
Pleasant Hill	Denver Holcomb, Elkin	32,988	4,420	1,779	48	162	237	16	774	213	221	3,452	40,860
Pleasant Home	Basil Edwards, Roaring River, Rt.	4,079	429						30	36		66	4,575
Poplar Springs	Herman Hinson, State Road	2,268	1,404	50	55		5		13	106	104	333	4,006
Rock Creek	Vaughn Durham, N. Wilkes.	1,320	740	48	15	66	63		25	79		296	2,225
Ronda	R. C. Martin, Ronda	1,810	1,050	40	10	14	36		30	40		170	3,030
Shoaly Branch	James Martin, Elkin, Rt. 2	1,294	242						27	54		80	1,617
Union Hill	Mrs. M. Kennedy, Thurmond	1,176	440						131	41		172	1,789
West Elkin	Mallie Owen, Elkin	2,912	900	87	10	38	19	50	41	38		283	4,095
White Plains	Clay Alexander, R. River	2,978	778	49	7				90	58		205	3,961
TOTALS		287,745	34,026	10,082	929	842	2,071	410	2,719	1,415	1,940	20,403	342,509

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ASSOCIATIONAL DIRECTORY

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Margaret Fund Chairman

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Mr. T. C. Darnell, Director ..... Pleasant Home
Mr. Tommy E. Johnson, Associate Director ..... Elkin
Miss Audene Church, Pianist ..... Pleasant Home
Mrs. Raymond Johnson, Choister ..... Elkin

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Rev. Joel Johnson ..... Elkin
Grover C. Tharpe ..... N. Wilkesboro
Ned Teague ..... Elkin
Ralph J. Stanley ..... Elkin

STUDENTS FOR THE MINISTRY

Ted Macemore ..... Piedmont Bible College
Charles Freeman ..... Seminary Extension, Mt. Airy
W. R. Kimberlin ..... Seminary Extension, Mt. Airy
Ned Teague ..... New Orleans Bible School
Paul F. Couch ..... Campbell College
Von Byrd

LIST OF MESSENGERS

BESSIE'S CHAPEL—Fred Holder, Gaither Wall, Alfred Southard, Ira F. Wood. Alternates: Emily Southard, A. D. Southard, Phosie Cockerham, Myrtle Key.

CENTER—Ovid Johnson, Sam Spicer, Ella Johnson. Alternates: Jerry Adams, Delaney Spicer, Quinton Spicer.

COOL SPRINGS—Eugene Pettyjohn, Mrs. Eugene Pettyjohn, Mrs. Paul Newman. Alternates: Oren Holbrook, Paul Walker, Paul Newman.

ELKIN: EAST—Ongie Harris, Mrs. Ongie Harris, Mrs. C. C. Francis. Alternates: Mrs. Clay Burcham, Mrs. Roy Sparks.

ELKIN: FIRST—Rev. Howard J. Ford, Mrs. E. C. James, Dr. Lin Fincannon. Alternates: Guy Mathis, Mrs. Howard J. Ford.

ELKIN: WEST—Tommy E. Johnson, J. W. Shepherd, Miss Mallie Owen, Mrs. Reece Cockerham, Mrs. W. M. Snow. Alternates: Mrs. Tommy Johnson, Mrs. J. W. Shepherd, Mrs. C. F. Owen, Ed Murphy, W. M. Snow.

ELKIN VALLEY—Lee Roy Hayes, Lester Cass, M. H. Royall, J. C. Martin, J. B. Mitchell. Alternates: G. W. Hayes, John Robertson, Thurmond Gentry.

LITTLE ELKIN—John Love, Claude Key, Willard Wilson. Alternates: Cecil Lawrence, Jim Byrd, Walter Byrd.

MACEDONIA—Clyde Burchette, Margie Key, Mrs. John Hurt. Alternates: Ernest Edwards, Mrs. Wesley Poplin, Mrs. Clyde Burchette.

MAPLE SPRINGS—Beamer Boyd, Fred Harris, Junior Collins. Alternates: Rosa Boyd, Irene Collins, Zeola Holbrook.

MINERAL SPRINGS—Herman Alexander, Rev. Arvil Alexander, Charles Castevens, Leonard Holleman, Nora Holleman. Alternates: Auby Combs, Virginia Hankins, Vesta Case, Helen Wiles, Elsie Osborne.

MT. PLEASANT—Rufus Gentry, Walter Carter, Mrs. W. R. Kimberlin. Alternates: Mrs. Emma Walters, Juanita Willey, Mrs. James Irvin.

OAK GROVE—Jack Reid, E. O. Higgins, Mrs. Troy Felts, Rev. John West. Alternates: Mrs. Jack Reid, Mrs. E. O. Higgins, Mr. Troy Felts, Mrs. John West.

PLEASANT HILL—Von Byrd, Jonah Lyons, Mrs. N. C. Teague. Alternates: Mrs. Della Couch, Kermit Darnell, James Ring.

PLEASANT HOME—Mrs. Alma Jordan, John Burcham, Quincey Cheek. Alternates: Thaddeus Darnell, Miss Audene Church, Harrison Johnson.

POPLAR SPRINGS—Spencer Money, Roscoe Gentry, Posey Steele. Alternates: Esker Hinson, Jake Guyer, Clyde Orr.

ROCK CREEK—Vaughn Durham, Mrs. Estelle Wood, Mrs. Dona Wood. Alternates: Paul Haynes, Eugene Sebastian, Mrs. Zelda Richardson.

RONDA—Mrs. G. E. Golliher, Clyde Dimmette, Mrs. Tom Hanks. Alternates: Fennie Anthony, Mrs. R. R. Crater, Mrs. L. H. Petree.

SHOALY BRANCH—W. L. Draughn, James A. Martin, Mrs. James A. Martin, Nancy Baldwin, Mary Sharon Gentry. Alternates: Barbara Baldwin, Jean Haynes, Mrs. Artis White.

UNION HILL—J. D. Shores, A. J. Brooks. Alternates: Robert Calloway, Reid Nixon.

WHITE PLAINS—Paul Byrd, Clay Alexander, Pearl Byrd, Cora Blackburn, Lola Mae Alexander. Alternates: Earline Waddell, Epsie Anthony, Barney Blackburn, Wilma Jordan, Nettie Biddix.

CONSTITUTION

1. This association shall be known as the Elkin Baptist Association. It shall be composed of the officers of the association; messengers chosen by the churches, each church being entitled to five messengers; and all pastors of churches of the association.

2. The object of this association shall be the promotion of Christ's Kingdom throughout the world through the development of our local churches and through co-operation with our State and Southern Baptist Convention programs.

3. The messengers of the churches shall be responsible for bringing letters of information from their churches to the association.

4. This association shall hold an annual meeting at such time and place as the body may designate; the associational year shall be from September 1 to August 31.

5. The association shall elect annually such officers as are deemed necessary for the proper functioning of the association. Any person serving or having served 2 full annual terms as moderator shall be ineligible for re-election until a year has elapsed.

6. It shall be the duty of the moderator to preside at the meetings of the association and to appoint a nominating committee previous to each session of the association.

7. It shall be the duty of the clerk to keep a faithful and correct record of all the proceedings of each session of the association and to have the same printed and distributed to the churches of the association. At the discretion of the clerk a registrar may be appointed to register messengers and visitors to sessions of the association.

8. The association shall have a fund for the printing and distribution of minutes, provided by voluntary contribution from the churches.

9. It shall be the duty of the treasurer to keep a correct record of all the funds collected and distributed. He may be called upon to report to the Executive Committee quarterly and shall report to the association annually.

10. There shall be elected annually a program committee consisting of five members; three of whom shall be suggested by the association nominating committee and the other two shall be the moderator and clerk of the association.

11. The Executive Committee shall be composed of the officers of the association and 4 others nominated by the associational nominating committee. This committee shall direct the work of the association between sessions, including finances, associational mission work, etc. This committee, with all pastors in the association, Associational Sunday School Superintendent, Associational Training Union Director, Associational Woman's Missionary Union Superintendent, Associational Brotherhood President, Associational Music Director, and Associational Chairman of Evangelism, shall work together in the promotion of the local and mission work of the association.

12. The association shall have no power to exercise lordship over God's heritage, but shall only be considered as an advisory body in all matters respecting the churches.

13. The Association may withdraw fellowship from any church that fails to keep the spirit of this constitution and the rules of order.

14. The constitution may be altered or amended at any annual session, provided that such amendment is presented in writing on the first day of the association and voted on and passed favorably the second day by two-thirds vote of the messengers.

RULES OF ORDER

1. Each session of the association shall be opened with a devotional period and closed by prayer.

2. The moderator shall recognize the messengers from the churches of the association.

3. The moderator shall recognize the visitors to the association.

4. All messengers shall address each brother and sister courteously and in the spirit of Christ.

5. The business of the association shall be conducted according to regular parliamentary procedure.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in only one true and living God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost and these three are one.

2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the words of God, and the only rules of Faith and Practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of Election by grace.

4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin, and in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature by his own free will or ability.

5. We believe that sinners are called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy spirit and that all who are thus regenerated are born again by the Spirit of God, shall never fall finally away.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God by imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.

7. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only subjects of those ordinances; and we believe that the only true mode of Baptism is by immersion.

8. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgement, and that the joys of righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

9. We believe that no minister has the right to administer the ordinances of the Gospel, except such as are regularly called, and come under the imposition by the Presbytery.

PROCEEDINGS
Of The
SEVENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION
Of The
ELKIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
Held With The
EAST ELKIN BAPTIST CHURCH
September 20, 1956
And
UNION HILL BAPTIST CHURCH
September 21, 1956

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION — 9:45 A. M.

The Elkin Baptist Association was declared in session by the Moderator, Rev. W. C. Guth.

The association was led in singing of the hymn, "We're Marching to Zion" by Rev. N. C. Teague.

The devotional was conducted by the Rev. J. L. Powers.

Letters were called for and the messengers recognized. Twenty of the churches were represented.

Visitors recognized—Rev. J. S. Hopkins, Secretary of Evangelism.

The following committees were appointed: Resolutions Committee: Miss Dare Teague, Chairman, Mrs. N. C. Teague, Mrs. W. M. Snow; Time, Place, Preacher Committee: Rev. George Hankins, Chairman, Rev. Carnie Shugart, and Lester Cass.

The Executive Committee brought before the association a recommendation to elect Rev. Tommy Johnson as Associational Missionary to the Elkin Baptist Association. A motion was made and seconded and unanimously carried by the association to elect Rev. Tommy Johnson as Associational missionary. Rev. Johnson will assume his missionary duties on or about November 1, 1956.

A committee elected to revise the Constitution and Order of Decorum of the Elkin Baptist Association proposed to the association a new Constitution and Rules of Order. Said Constitution and Rules of Order were approved by the Association and appear in the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Seventy-Eighth Annual Session of the Elkin Baptist Association.

The following report, presented by Rev. George Hankins, was adopted.

REPORT ON EVANGELISM

The greatest undertaking that God has given to Christians is to lead the lost to Jesus. God required each of us to give our best

in witnessing to others of his saving grace. This divine obligation rests, without exception, upon every Child of God.

According to the figures obtained from our churches, we haven't felt this obligation as keenly as we should have.

From the 21 churches of the Association the total number of baptisms for the year was 163 (with five churches reporting no baptisms at all). There were 103 additions (by letter or otherwise), making a total of 266 additions. The losses were 171 (by death and dismissal), leaving a total net gain of 95 to the churches.

Most of our churches had revivals and it is encouraging to note that every church in the Association sponsored a Daily Vacation Bible School.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE HANKINS

Rev. J. S. Hopkins, Secretary of Evangelism spoke to the report.

Upon motion, the following report presented by Mrs. W. C. Guth was adopted.

REPORT ON CO-OPERATIVE PROGRAM

The provision made for giving to God's causes through the Co-operative Program is one of the greatest privileges we have as Southern Baptists. The men who were instrumental in working out such a system of proportionate giving and placing it before our people were certainly inspired by the Spirit of God.

Approximately 30 years ago our denominational leaders became aware that no big, expanding and far-reaching program could properly be promoted when handicapped by a once-a-year, or even a once-a-month offerings. A better means of continued support had to be improvised. Therefore, after study, prayer and deliberation they said, in so many words, (quoting the words of another) "Let us try to get our people to go back to the New Testament and from it learn to bring offerings once a week. These offerings will go into the central church treasury. A part will be used for all objects of the local church; a part will be sent to the treasuries of the state and Southern Baptist Conventions for all objects of these conventions, missions, education and benevolence, and then let the convention divide the ALL in part, giving to each agency the part which it needs." Thus the great plan of Christian giving by our churches was born. The name given to that part which leaves the church was THE CO-OPERATIVE PROGRAM. It is both simple and economical.

It is a plan by which every participating church supports regularly every missionary, educational and benevolent object of the state and Southern Baptist Conventions. The truthfulness of this statement was learned during our own School of Missions we had jointly with the Yadkin Association last spring. The missionaries were free with their testimony concerning the great support of The Co-operative Program. Their work would be at standstill if it were not for The Co-operative Program. What the budget is to a local church, (and every local church should have one) so The Co-operative Program is to the Convention. The church budget supports every item in the local church, so the Co-operative Program supports all items in the Southern Baptist Convention.

The Program or Plan works. It works because of what it is, because of what it includes and because of what it excludes. More and

more Baptist churches are seeing the wisdom of giving through the Co-operative Program. Of the thirteen items listed under this plan, three are supported entirely by it and four others are nearly entirely supported by it. State Missions receives three-fifths of its support through this Plan while the Baptist Hospital, Home for Aging, Foreign Missions and Home Missions receive two-fifths of their support by this Plan. Only the Orphanage receives less than the rest, which is one-tenth of its support. All other money than that which comes through this channel is ear-marked or designated.

Hence, since no individual, and probably no single church, acting alone, can build and operate an orphanage, a Christian college, a seminary, a hospital, a home for the aging, or entirely support much of a mission program, therefore, the Co-operative Program comes to the rescue; making it possible, that in co-operation with other churches, and giving together through a united plan can support such above-mentioned worthy causes, thereby putting into practice the teaching of the New Testament.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. W. C. GUTH

Rev. J. S. Hopkins spoke to the report.

"The Kingdom Is Coming" was sung by the members of the association, led by Rev. N. C. Teague.

Rev. Carnie Shugart brought the associational sermon using Psalm 133 as the basis for his thought, "Christian Unity." He led the closing prayer of the morning session and at the same time returned thanks for the noonday meal which was prepared and served by the members of the East Elkin Baptist Church.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION — 1:00 P. M.

With the singing of "On Jordan's Stormy Banks," the afternoon session was opened. The devotional thoughts from Psalm 19 was offered by Rev. Lloyd Pardue.

The following report presented by Rev. Howard J. Ford, was accepted.

REPORT ON RELIEF AND ANNUITY BOARD

The 37th year of the Relief and Annuity Board came to a close on a note of sadness with the passing in December of Dr. Walter B. Alexander, executive secretary of the Board.

Dr. Alton Reed, associate secretary, was elected at the annual board meeting in March to fill the vacancy created by the passing of Dr. Alexander. Other officers elected were: Fred W. Noe, treasurer; R. S. Jones, supervisor of investments; Owen Henley, assistant supervisor of investments; Wallace Bassett, president; Paul Danna, E. G. Brown, and Ben C. Ball, vice presidents, and Mabel McCartney, registrar.

Growth in plans reached an all time high, and growth in financial strength was recorded. There was a dark spot however, in the financial year, and this was the failure of the states to provide sufficient funds for the administration of the relief benefits.

The relief responsibility which the states delegated to the Relief and Annuity Board, is financed through Co-operative Program funds

and through special offerings and gifts. It is separate and distinct from the annuity division, which is supported through the member and church dues and through interest earnings and investment earnings. These dues, held in reserve for the future security of annuitants, make up the largest percentage of Relief and Annuity assets.

North Carolina has 67 ministers and 94 widows on the relief roll of the Board. Payments to these old people last year amounted to $24,038.50. North Carolina sent to the Board last year through the Cooperative Program $14,649.68, and other income was $1,770.70. This left a deficit of $7,618.12 between what the Board paid these old people and what we gave to pay them. North Carolina sent a check to cover this deficit.

Unless something is done, and that right early, the Relief Department will have to curtail even these small payments, which in our state is $12.00 per month for pastor and $8.00 for pastor's widows. These payments represent the total income of some of these old people. North Carolina Baptists should look toward the support of these aged Baptist pioneers.

A retired pastor may serve churches three months out of the year without forfeiting his annuity.

When Social Security became available to pastors the Relief and Annuity Board rendered a service by publishing information on this matter and making it available to pastors. The Board stands ready and willing to serve you, and invites your inquiry concerning its program. As has been the past, so is the future a promising one stretching out before the Relief and Annuity Board in its ever-enlarging scope of operations.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN L. WELLS

Rev. Howard J. Ford spoke to the report concerning the importance of each church providing annuities for its pastor.

The following report, presented by Rev. Carnie Shugart, was adopted.

REPORT ON TRAINING UNION

It is thrilling to note that during the past year we have made some progress in the Training Union Work in the Elkin Association. It has been by the help of the Lord and the co-operation of the Training Union Leaders of each church that made this progress possible.

At the close of the Associational year, 1954-55, we had enrolled in Training Union 1,084. During the year of 1955-56, we have had a gain of 133 in enrollment, giving us, at the present, a net enrollment of 1,217. Also, we have organized one new Training Union and had one church, Pleasant Hill, to reach the Standard of Excellence three quarters during the past year.

Meetings held were four Mass meetings with an average attendance of 216, four Executive Meetings with an average attendance of 6, and four officers' and Leaders' Council Meetings with an average attendance of 36.

There have been 198 awards requested during the past year from seven churches.

The work of the Training Union plays a vital part in the growth of any church. Our prayer is during the coming year that we, in our

own church, in neighboring churches and in associational work, will put forth every effort to train all the potentialities for the service of our Lord Jesus Christ. Yes, the field is large, the task is great, but remember the statement in Phillipians 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIE R. KIMBERLIN

Miss Dare Teague, educational director of the First Baptist Church of Elkin, spoke to the report, pointing out the importance of a training union in every church because of the great need for the kind of training received through our training union program.

The following report, presented by Dr. Lin Fincannon, was accepted.

REPORT ON RADIO AND VISUAL EDUCATION

It has been a privilege to serve as First Chairman in Radio and Visual Education for the association. Although we feel that some progress has been made, there remains a great deal to be done.

The first progress made this year was when several churches took over the sponsorship of the Baptist Hour. This fine program is broadcast at 2:30 P. M. Sunday on WIFM.

Since this is a new committee with no background to examine, we decided to take an inventory to evaluate the existing situation as to equipment needs and training. With this thought in mind we met with the Elkin-Jonesville Ministerial Association, and spoke to them of the need and requested information concerning facts of Visual Education at their respective churches. The Audio Visual Aids Catalogs from the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina were distributed. We gave them information on Visual Education, and how it can be used in their churches, and asked that they return the questionaire which they would receive later.

A questionaire was drawn up and sent out to determine the existing equipment, interests, trained operators, and film strips or slides owned by the various churches. These returned questionaires show very little equipment in use and in some churches no interest in Visual Education for Christians. We have a total of eight operators, trained to use visual equipment. We have 12 film strips owned by churches. These can be rented for use for a small fee. There has been a total of 22 films and film strips used this year in the various churches of the Elkin Association.

We have the following suggestions for next year in Radio and Visual Education:

1. That a list of film strips or slides which each church owns be kept throughout the years.

2. That each church establish a Radio-Visual Education Committee.

3. That each church place some money in their budget for teaching aids, film strips, and equipment.

4. That each church give a list of new equipment, supplies, films, or film strips purchased to the Chairman of the Radio-Visual Committee for the Association.

5. That every help be given to ministers and leaders who do not

understand just how this program can fit into their church program and to the winning of the lost.

The Radio-Visual Education Committee stands ready to help supply information on equipment and its cost and operation, or will explain in detail to any church just how this program can aid in reaching the lost and training them after conversion.

Respectfully submitted,

DR. LIN FINCANNON

Remarks were made by Dr. Lin Fincannon stressing the promotion of the use of more visual aids in our church program.

The following report was presented by Dr. Lin Fincannon, and was accepted.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

In general, the Baptist program of Christian education includes the teaching ministry of the Christian home, the local church with its varied programs, the Baptist schools and colleges supported by the Conventions within the various states, and our Southwide seminaries.

For the purpose of our immediate consideration, it should be noted that the impact of the present tidal wave of youth is resulting in ever-growing needs for expansion in all areas of Christian education. The presence of these children in greater numbers in our homes constitutes a new opportunity and a challenge for Christian parents. It is not surprising that practically all our local Baptist churches are expanding their teaching facilities to meet these growing demands upon them. Southern Baptists are now anticipating the expansion of seminary facilities to provide for one or more additional seminaries for the training of the 5,885 students enrolled during the past year as well as the thousands of others seeking admission. In our Baptist colleges in the Southern Baptist Convention territory there were enrolled more than 55,000 young people during the last college year.

Here in North Carolina in our seven Baptist colleges—namely, Wake Forest, Meredith, Mars Hill, Gardner-Webb, Campbell, Wingate and Chowan—we had a total enrollment of 5,921 students, and already more than this number have been accepted for the coming college year.

Recognizing the ever-growing need for additional schools and colleges for the training of Baptist youth, our leaders in eastern North Carolina are expressing deep concern for a more effective Baptist witness through the establishment of one or more new colleges.

Each of the seven colleges now in operation is engaged in expanding its plant facilities in both housing and class rooms to meet the ever--growing needs.

North Carolina is second only to Texas in the number of students enrolled in her colleges. It is reliably predicted that within a brief period of 12 to 15 years the present college population of 50,000 in North Carolina will be doubled, which means that instead of 18,000 Baptist young people in college in our state, as at present, we shall have 35 to 40,000. It would be absurd to expect our people through their churches to support a program adequate to meet the needs of such a host of Baptist youth, but at least our Baptist people must not be willing to slacken their efforts to keep up with other Protestant denominations in providing a well-trained Christian leadership for the world.

Of the 750 students enrolled as ministerial and mission volunteers in our North Carolina Baptist colleges, 450 are training for the ministry. In addition to this 12% of the student enrollment there are hundreds of others training to become ministers of music, directors of religious education and church secretaries. It is likely that at least 20% of the students enrolled in our seven Baptist colleges are preparing themselves for some full-time church vocation. In addition, a majority of the young women graduating from Meredith College are prepared to become teachers in the public schools of North Carolina, and a large number of the graduates of Wake Forest enter the teaching profession. When we add to this number those that are being trained in such professions as medicine, law and business, we realize that graduates of our Baptist colleges are carrying the Christian witness of our denomination not only through our churches but through the many channels of our modern society.

Every effort is being made to operate good, accredited colleges at the lowest possible cost, that the door of educational opportunity may remain open for all our young people.

It is not likely that the support from our churches through the Co-operative Program will ever be equal to that which the State provides for its educational institutions, but whatever support we have from the churches will be supplemented from every other resource possible, to the end that the charges to the students may be kept at a minimum.

It is timely always to remind our Baptist young people that these colleges are supported and operated primarily for the training of Baptist young people, and that we can best express our interest in them, first, by encouraging the young people in our churches graduating from high school to enroll in one of these seven Baptist colleges and, in the second place, by continuing to provide financial support through our present Nine-Year Program of Advance.

Respectfully submitted,

DR. V. W. TAYLOR JR.

Dr. Harold W. Tribble, President of Wake Forest College, spoke to the report. Dr. Tribble told the report about the advancement of Wake Forest College since its transfer to Winston-Salem, and of the need of Christian education.

The following report, presented by Guy Mathis, was accepted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOL

"Jesus only—His purpose—His compassion—His method—shall be the measure of our Sunday School Work."

The Sunday Schools have proven themselves to be a great teaching, evangelistic enlistment, and financial agency of the churches. We rejoice in the growth and service of the Sunday Schools in our association.

This year we had 4,306 Sunday School enrollment; 166 Baptisms; 21 Vacation Bible Schools with an enrollment of 1,951 and an average attendance of 1,640.

The association is promoting an associational Sunday School Study Course Clinic in October and a Sunday School Enlargement Campaign in February with the State Sunday School Board assisting.

Some of our goals for the coming year are as follows:

21 Churches reporting training

20% Enrollment gain
1 Standard Sunday School
1,200 Training Awards

Respectfully submitted,
GUY MATHIS

Robert Leroy Holt, Vice president of Mars Hill College, was recognized at which time he spoke to the report.

Rev. George Hankins dismissed the first days session with prayer.

SECOND DAY'S SESSION, UNION HILL

FRIDAY MORNING — 9:45 A. M.

With the opening of the second day's session of the Elkin Baptist Association, Rev. N. C. Teague led the singing of the hymns, "I am Thine, O Lord" and "Near The Cross." Rev. Ralph J. Stanley read from the fourteenth chapter of John for his devotional thought. Rev. Howard J. Ford led in prayer.

The following report, presented by Rev. N. C. Teague, was adopted.

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY

Two missionary principles which are true in all lands are: **1. People must have the Bible,** because it presents Jesus Christ, the one hope of men and nations. **2. Each person must have the Bible in his own language,** because it speaks to his heart as no other language can speak.

The Bible is the missionary's chief tool. He uses it in every form of mission work. The Bible itself is a missionary. It can go where the human missionary cannot go. It can stay on after he must leave —and keep on speaking to a man's heart.

The American Bible Society aids in Bible translation, publishes the Scriptures without note or comment and distributes them without profit, usually below cost. For the blind it supplies Scriptures in raised letter systems and on talking book records. The Bible Society serves every form of Southern Baptist mission work around the world.

During 1955 the American Bible Society helped to publish Bibles in Russian by giving to Russian Baptist leaders, mats made from our printing plates which they are using to print 50,000 Russian Bibles.

It helped the Japan Bible Society publish the full Bible in Colloquial Japanese, the everyday language easily understood by all the people. This opens the Book to many millions of new readers and is stimulating interest in Bible reading.

The Society donated 1,379,100 Scripture volumes for distribution by chaplains to our armed forces, providing a vital link between the home churches and the men in service.

In 1955 the American Bible Society distributed throughout the world almost 15 million volumes of Scriptures.

Because the Bible Society serves mission work and because Southern Baptist missionaries depend on the Society for Scriptures they need for distribution in their own work, Southern Baptist churches give to the American Bible Society.

The help of **every member of every Southern Baptist Church and every individual** who believes in God and Jesus Christ needed

to carry on the great work of the American Bible Society. No gift is too large and none to small to aid in this all important task.

Has your church given this year? Have **you** given this year? START TODAY! Please send your gifts to your Baptist state office marked for the "American Bible Society."

Respectfully submitted,

DENVER HOLCOMB

Remarks concerning the importance of the American Bible Society and especially its importance to our missionaries were made by Rev. W. C. Guth.

The following report, presented by Mrs. Richard Callaway, was accepted.

REPORT ON WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Christ's command on earth to his disciples was "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." And again He said" He that hath my commandments and keepth them, he it is that loveth me." Christian women find it a joy and a privilege to obey these commandments of Christ's through the Woman's Missionary Union by prayer, study, service and giving.

We have eleven Woman's Missionary Organizations in our association this year. One, Union Hill, is newly formed. And 100 new members have found new joy in service.

So that this number may be increased even more during 1956-57 each Woman's Missionary Union has taken the responsibility to help a neighbor church organize another Woman's Missionary Union. When the report comes in next year it should read that every church in Elkin Association has a Woman's Missionary Union.

We believe our Lord's promise "If you shall ask anything in my name I will do it." Through our Woman's Missionary Unions we pray for the spread of God's Kingdom, we pray that the Lord might use us as individuals to win the lost to Christ, we pray for the missionaries who are serving on foreign fields and in the homeland. For every day in the month, in each month's issue of **Royal Service,** Woman's Missionary Union Magazine, we have listed the names, locations and type of work of our missionaries so that we may pray personally for these servants of the Lord on their birthdays. Think what it means to know that thousands and thousands of people are unitedly praying for the same persons and their work. How much more powerful can be the ministry of these missionaries for there is wonderful power in prayer.

The Woman's Missionary Union not only prays for missions but, is the means of spreading information about missions. We will never **share** with a lost world until we **care.** How can we care until we know? Nine percent of the population of the world is English-speaking. Ninety percent of the Christians are from this nine per cent. More than ⅔ of the world's people do not know the Lord because we have failed to send them a missionary. It is our responsibility as Christians to witness.

The Woman's Missionary Union provides a place for every woman and every child to study to know the needs of the world. Through our graded series for the children from birth to eigth years in Sunbeams; girls nine through sixteen in Girls Auxiliary; young women sixteen through twenty-five in Young Women's Auxiliary.

The Brotherhood Organization has assumed responsibility during 1955-56 for the training of the Royal Ambassadors, boys aged nine through sixteen. Heretofore, Royal Amassadors have been included in the Woman's Missionary Union plan.

The 42 new members in our youth organizations this year have found an opportunity to know of the needs of other peoples in the world. Perhaps because of these organizations some will be led to go out as missionaries themselves.

The Woman's Missionary Union promotes prayer, study, community missions and stewardship. One of the oldest forms of worship, even among pagan religions, was that of bringing the tithe as an offering. We believe an individual owes God one-tenth of all he has; money, time, effort and personality. Thirty-one people in our organizations have found new joy in tithing this year.

We also believe that a church is a steward, that a church should contribute to the Co-operative Program, that a church should give to missions. Southern Baptists' gifts to missions are so small in proportion to our membership that it takes 8,000 to support one missionary. Catholics, Methodists, Presbyterians, to mention a few, are way out in front. At the end of last year 8½ million Southern Baptists gave 335 million dollars for all phases of Baptist work. Only 10¾ million or 3.2% was given for our foreign mission program in 35 countries and territories. 85.5% was used for the local churches. We gave a much larger percentage to missions during the depression years. Are we doing as Jesus would have us to do?

The Woman's Missionary Union is happy to report a total of $3,910.19 given in 1955-56 for special mission offerings. This is $1,000 increase over gifts for last year. We propose to do even better in 1956-57. It is the aim of Woman's Missionary Union to lead each member to give sacrificially.

We face a world desperately in need of salvation. It is the purpose of Woman's Missionary Union to pray, to study, to serve and to give to the end that the gospel message may reach all people.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. RICHARD F. CALLAWAY

Mrs. Earl C. James spoke in an inspiring manner to the report.

The following report was presented and accepted.

REPORT ON BAPTIST HOSPITAL

We of the Churches of the Elkin Association have considered it a pleasure to be able to contribute in a financial way to our great institution, the Baptist Hospital, located at Winston-Salem, North Carolina. We are proud of the fact that last year the Elkin Association was the first Association in the State of North Carolina to be one hundred per cent in giving by all of the Churches. The last report I had from the Hospital this year was that all of the Churches in this Association had sent their contributions in with the exception of three. I sincerely hope that these contributions have already gone in from these three churches and, if not, we are sure that they will be sent in immediately.

We have the opportunity and privilege on Mother's Day of each year to make this special offering for our Baptist Hospital. We have heard in times past and on different occasions about the work the Hospital is doing for these individuals who are not able to take care

of their own expenses and we are happy to assist our friends who might be less fortunate than we in need of medical attention.

It is appropriate that this special offering that is taken for the Baptist Hospital comes on Mother's Day each year because each of us know that our mothers have done more for us than perhaps any other person in the world. It is with love and tender affection that they reared us from childhood into manhood. Then on the day that is dedicated to them, we can show our love and respect by doing something for someone else.

It is my sincere hope that the Elkin Association will go forward in a great and noble way during the coming year toward aiding and assisting the Baptist Hospital and thereby demonstrate their love for their fellow man.

Respectfully submitted,

J. LIVINGSTON WILLIAMS

Dr. W. K. McGee, director of the Department of Religion at the Baptist Hospital, was speaker to the report.

The following report, presented by Rev. Tommy Johnson, was adopted.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE

During the year 1955 a total of 824 applications for the care of needy children passed over the desk of the General Superintendent. A decision had to be made on each case. We were able to admit to some phase of our program 137 of these children. To the other 687 we had to say no. Of course many of these were accepted for some sort of care by relatives or other agencies.

In 1955 there were 58% more applications sent in than in 1950. Thus the need, based on the number of applications, grows greater each year. Last year we cared for a total of 736 children, or 23 more than the year before. The increase was in foster home care and was made possible by an increase in the Thanksgiving Offering.

Last year for the first time the Orphanage received part of its support through the Co-operative Program. About 10% of the total income was given through this channel. Most of the churches continue to place the Orphanage in their budgets or else take the Once-A-Month offering through their Sunday Schools. Each Church, of course, makes its own decision about this matter. Let us always bear in mind the fact that the income from the Orphanage from Church budgets, Once-A-Month offerings, and the Co-operative Programs is fixed and will be the same amount each year. Therefore, the only way for the Orphanage to get more money to meet the ever increasing needs for child care is through a greater Thanksgiving Offering.

In North Carolina there are more Baptists than ever before; the income of our people is at an all-time high; they have given more money to our total Baptist program than ever before. Surely this year they will make a greater Thanksgiving Offering to help the homeless child if our Church leaders will give them a chance.

During the past year a new Church building and a new parsonage have been completed at Kennedy Home. These are buildings of which every Baptist can be proud. A contract will be let sometime this fall for a new Boys' Cottage and a swimming pool at Kennedy Home. Bear in mind that all of these buildings are erected with special gifts or bequests.

The Orphanage publication, **Charity and Children,** is now making a greater contribution to our Baptist program than ever before in its glorious history. Today more than 51,000 copies of Charity and Children are mailed out each week. These are filled with information about some phase of our Baptist program.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. W. M. SNOW

Brother Marse Grant spoke to the report.

After singing the hymn "Where He Leads Me," Rev. N. C. Teague delivered the association sermon reading from Psalm 18:1-6, 18-19. After prayer offered by Rev. Lloyd Pardue, Rev. Teague spoke on the subject "The Larger Life," after which he gave the benediction and returned thanks for the noonday meal which was prepared and served by the members of Union Hill Baptist Church.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION — 1:00 P. M.

Rev. N. C. Teague led the group in singing "Onward, Christian Soldiers" after which Rev. George Hankins conducted the devotional period reading from Ephesians 1:15-23.

The following report, presented by Rev. E. G. Jordan, was adopted.

REPORT ON ALLIED CHURCH LEAGUE, INC.

As this report is prepared the League is making a determined effort to secure names on the petitions which call upon the legislation to enact a bill to provide for a state-wide referendum on the Manufacture and sale of beverage alcohol in North Carolina. Your representatives in the League have sought to set up an organization in every county in the state. Just how successful we will be in securing a substantial number of names signed to the petitions remains to be seen. It looks now as if most of the counties will have an effective organization for this purpose. The success or failure of the effort will be determined by the effort put forth in each county to give every person of voting age in such county an opportunity to sign. We believe a majority of our citizens are eager to do whatever they can to help rid our state of the liquor traffic. The petitions offer an opportunity in that direction.

We believe the prospects for a referendum in the 1957 session of the General Assembly are brighter than they have ever been. But it cannot be said too emphatically that much depends on the effort made to get signatures on the petitions. The employees of the League are helpless apart from the co-operation of the Christian people of our state. We urge that an effort be made to enlist every denominational group, including Negro Christians, in this worthy undertaking. If we should fail in this effort we believe our cause will be hurt for years to come.

Conditions in North Carolina are favorable to a referendum at this time. Our people are becoming more and more alarmed at conditions produced by the beverage alcohol traffic. Those who know what is happening are beginning to say that something must be done. Figures released by the Department of Motor Vehicles indicate that 25% of the fatalities on the highways of the state resulted from drinking. Of the 45,054 accidents on the highways during 1955, 8,487 had been drinking, and 323 people were killed by drinking drivers. Prison authorities are alarmed at the high percentage of the prison population who have

drinking records. This percentage is said by one official to be as high as 90%. The report of the State Board of Public Welfare reveals that in June, 1956, there were 11,215 persons confined in the county jails in North Carolina and of this number 5,038, almost 50% were charged with violations involving alcohol.

It is becoming more evident all the time that we must promote a program of education in the churches which will have as its purpose a sober society and the creation of a moral climate which will eventuate in higher spiritual living. The rehabilitation of the victims of alcohol cannot longer be neglected by the churches. We must set up clinics designed to train our people in methods of working with people who have drinking problems. To this end we urge the election in each Association of a person who will help the League in promotion of these projects. Each church should elect a committee on Social Education to work with the Association leader. We **must** get back to the people with a program of education on all moral issues, and civic responsibilities.

We are now making a drive by which individuals can become members of the League and give financial help. This plan is this: Lifetime Contributing Membership—$500; Honorary Contributing Membership—$20 annually; Active Contributing Membership—$5 annually; Contributing Membership—$1 annually. Membership cards are available from the person making this report.

Respectfully submitted,

E. G. JORDAN

Rev. R. M. Hauss of the Allied Church League spoke to the report. He also introduced to the association a visitor whom he had brought, Mr. Vernon Hall.

REPORT ON THE BIBLICAL RECORDER

The printed page is powerful; its influence is great, therefore, Christian Literature needs a larger distribution and a wider reading. People tend to act, think, and become like the things they read and absorb in their minds and hearts. The evil literature that floods our news stands too often finds its entrance into many Baptist Homes. A greater knowledge and understanding of our Christian Literature would rule out the desire for the degrading materials displayed on our magazine racks today.

The Biblical Recorder which is published weekly is the Baptist publication that carries a complete account of our Baptist progress. Since 1833, the RECORDER has been distributing a review of our Baptist work into thousands of homes each week. It should be in every Baptist home.

During the past year a very small percentage of the churches within the Elkin Association reported the state paper being included in their church budget. For our goal this year, let's strive for the Every-Family Plan within our twenty-one churches.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. W. T. ROTH

Brother C. W. Bazemore, an Associate of the Biblical Recorder, spoke to the report.

The following report, presented by Rev. George Hankins, was adopted.

REPORT ON BAPTIST HOMES FOR THE AGING

The Homes are in their sixth, and greatest, year of operation.

Construction of the Administration and Dormitory Building began in February. It should be completed by the end of the year, and ready for occupancy by February 1, 1957.

North Carolina Baptists have good reason to be proud of this new building, which, when completed and equipped, will add one-half million dollars to the total value of the Home. What is more encouraging, there is reason to believe that the total cost of the new building will be paid for by the time it is occupied, if our 3,200 Baptist churches will respond with a generous Special Day offering on the third Sunday of February, 1957.

The added facilities of the new building will make it possible to care for 100 residents—20 at Resthaven, 26 at Albemarle Home, and 44 in the new building. Of this number, less than 10 will be part-time helpers. Moreover, a greater ministry to our aging residents will be possible because of the extra facilities in the new building. Among these will be ample space for craft shops, sun parlors, library, infirmary, and other additional features. In fact, the new building was planned and is being constructed to provide a well rounded program with the most up-to-date facilities.

The Special Day offering this year, to date, is $88,400.03, including personal and corporation gifts. This amount will be increased by churches late in reporting their gifts. It is encouraging to know that the number of churches responding each year is increasing.

Resthaven and the Albemarle Home have been filled to capacity. When a vacancy occurs, which is rare, there is always a waiting list.

Effort was made in Winston-Salem during June and July to raise $100,000.00 for the new building. In addition to the money raised, the response on the part of a large number of splendid businessmen to help with the campaign was most inspiring. The aroused interest in the program of the Homes will bring increasing results for years to come.

There has been a larger number of building memorial gifts. They ranged from $300.00 to $3,000.00—$300.00 to furnish, $1,000.00 to endow, and $3,000.00 to pay cost of constructing, a room.

A trustee, Mr. Don G. Matthews of Hamilton, gave, in addition to $3,000.00 to construct a room in the new building, $1,378.00 to pay cost of excavating a lake on the grounds of the new building.

Your homes are putting forth their best efforts to render a ministry of security, comfort, congenialty, and christian love to our residents.

North Carolina Baptists should keep in mind that their special offering and the share of the Nine Year Program received by the Homes help to make this ministry possible to all who come to the Homes, and, especially, to a large number who could not come but for such help.

"Cast me not off in the time of old age; forsake me not when my strength faileth" (Psalm 71:9).

Respectfully submitted,
W. H. COMBS

James M. Hayes, General Superintendent Home for Aging, spoke to the report.

The following reports were given by the Resolutions Committee; Committee on Time, Place and Preacher and the Nominating Committee.

REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS

WHEREAS, the Elkin Baptist Association met in this, its seventy-eight annual session and enjoyed a great program, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby express our grateful appreciation to each one who had a part on the program, and,

BE IT RESOLVED that we express our appreciation to those in particular who came to us from other places of distance to inform us about our great Baptist program in this our state and about our various institutions and their work, and,

BE IT RESOLVED FURTHER that we express sincere gratitude of our hearts to the East Elkin Church, and to the Union Hill Church and its pastor, Rev. Stanley, for the abundant dinner and for their many kindnesses and courtesies extended to us, and to express our appreciation to those who labored and served so freely in preparing and serving the delicious meals we all enjoyed.

LET US ALL, THHEREFORE, RESOLVE in our hearts that we will go away pledging ourselves to love and to serve our Blessed Saviour more completely and wholeheartedly than ever before.

Respectfully submitted,

MISS DARE TEAGUE, Chairman
MRS. N. C. TEAGUE
MRS. W. M. SNOW

REPORT ON TIME, PLACE AND PREACHER

Time: Thursday and Friday, September 19 and 20, 1957.

Place: Thursday—Mineral Springs Baptist Church, Jonesville.
Friday—Cool Springs Baptist Church.

Preacher: Thursday—Rev. J. L. Powers; Alternate: Rev Tommy Johnson.

Friday—Rev. Lloyd Pardue; Alternate: Rev. Cecil Hooper.

Respectively submitted,

GEORGE HANKINS
CARNIE SHUGART
LESTER CASS

REPORT ON NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Moderator—Rev. W. C. Guth.
Vice-Moderator—Rev. N. C. Teague.
Clerk—Mrs. Jim DeBorde.
Sunday School Superintendent—Guy Mathis.
Evangelistic Committee—Rev. Howard J. Ford.
Training Union Director—T. C. Darnell

Training Union Associate Director—Tommy E. Johnson.
Brotherhood President—Charles Trammel.
Music Director—Mrs. William A. Walters.
Baptist Hospital—Livingston Williams.
Biblical Recorder—Mrs. W. T. Roth.
Relief and Annuity—Rev. John Wells.
Baptist Orphanage—Mrs. Tommy E. Johnson.
American Bible Society—Denver Holcomb.
Home For Aging—Rev. J. L. Powers.
Allied Church League—Rev. Tommy Johnson.
Radio and Visual Education—Dr. Lin Fincannon.
Christian Education—Dr. V. W. Taylor.

Executive Committee—Rev. W. C. Guth, Rev. Howard J. Ford, Rev. J. L. Powers, Rev. N. C. Teague, Dr. M. O. Fox, W. H. Combs, and J. W. Shepherd.

Program Committee—Rev. N. C. Teague, Rev. Howard J. Ford, Rev. W. C. Guth, and Rev. Tommy Johnson.

Respectively submitted,

CLAUDE SMOOT, Chairman
REV. J. L. POWERS
GUY MATHIS
PAUL COCHRANE

A motion was made and seconded that we plan for a simultaneous revival in the spring. Also, plans will be made for an Associational Enlargement Campaign.

A most inspirational state missions message was delivered by Dr. E. L. Spivey, secretary of State Missions.

The benediction was pronounced by Brother C. W. Bazemore and the Seventy-Eighth annual session of the Elkin Baptist Association adjourned.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Balance on hand September 23, 1955		$236.68
Deposits during the period 4/16/56	$115.00	
Associational Vacation Bible School Worker Fund	180.10	
1956 Associational Offering	36.15	
1956 Minute Fund	210.80	
Total Deposits during the period	$542.10	$542.10
Grand Total		$778.78
Disbursements during the period		
Elk Printing Company—1955 Asso. Minutes	$184.00	
Mailing Expenses	5.00	
Associational Bible School Worker	180.15	
Total Disbursements during the period	$369.15	$369.15
Balance on hand September 21, 1956		$409.63

IN MEMORIAM

COOL SPRINGS
- Mr. Watson Tucker
- Miss Roxie Clark

EAST ELKIN
- Mr. Frank Chatman

ELKIN FIRST
- Mrs. E. S. Smith
- Mrs. John Blackburn
- Mrs. Lula Weir
- Mr. E. L. Byrd
- Mrs. Jack Ray
- Mrs. Frank Clanton
- Mrs. G. L. Hampton

WEST ELKIN
- Mr. M. L. Transou (Trustee)

ELKIN VALLEY
- Mr. J. V. Ball
- Mr. Ray Gilmore
- Mrs. Cleo Tulbert
- Mr. Raymond Smith

LITTLE ELKIN
- Mr. Louis Crump
- Mrs. Matilda Howell

MACEDONIA
- Mr. G. A. Key
- Mr. Walter Cockerham

MAPLE SPRINGS
- Mr. T. W. Boyd

MINERAL SPRINGS
- Mrs. Sarah Ann Haynes

PLEASANT HILL
- Mrs. Mary Stoker
- Mr. E. W. Hanes (Deacon)
- Mr. Walter Darnell
- Mr. Ford Darnell

PLEASANT HOME
- Mr. T. D. Gentry

POPLAR SPRINGS
- Mr. J. W. Gentry (Deacon)
- Mr. W. W. Tilley

ROCK CREEK
- Mrs. Lillie Emerson
- Mrs. Julia Burchette

RONDA
- Mr. H. A. Hanks (Deacon)

UNION HILL
- Mr. Willey Snider

WHITE PLAINS
- Mr. W. M. Waddell (Deacon)
- Mrs. Bernice Wood

TABLE A — CHURCH AND MEMBERSHIP

CHURCHES	Location, Rural V-T-C	Date Organized	Dates of Meeting	PASTORS AND ADDRESSES	Baptisms	Letters and other additions	Loss by Death, Transfer	Total Resident Members	Total Non-Resident Mem.	Grand Total Present Mem.	Revival Meetings Held	Number Tithers	Pastor's Annual Salary (Whether had pastor or not)
Bessie's Chapel	R	1934	2, 4	Lloyd Pardue, Pleasant Hill	10	4	1	113	18	131	2	.....	1,118
Center	R	1839	1, 3	Carl Cockerham, Roaring River	3	.....	.....	41	36	77	1	.....	219
Cool Springs	R	1905	2, 4	C. B. Mikles, Rt. 2, East Bend	.....	5	7	.....	.....	261	2	.....	1,185
Elkin: East	C	1921	1, 3	Tommy Collins	.....	2	7	117	109	226	1	13	1,680
First	C	1889	Full	Howard J. Ford, Elkin	23	23	41	.....	.....	735	1	398	7,200
West	T	1940	2, 4	J. L. Powers, Elkin	7	5	1	108	56	164	2	.....	900
Elkin Valley	V	1914	Full	W. C. Guth, Rt. 2, Elkin	14	9	26	506	60	566	3	190	4,260
Little Elkin	R	1905	2, 4	None at present	.....	2	6	162	81	243	2	.....	1,437
Macedonia	R	1876	1, 3	R. A. Call, North Wilkesboro	14	6	6	207	48	255	1	8	905
Maple Springs	R	1943	1, 3	E. O. Miller, Rt. 1, Boomer	5	8	5	.....	.....	94	2	3	334
Mineral Springs	T	1940	1, 2, 3	George Hankins, Jonesville	9	9	5	290	64	354	2	30	3,640
Mount Pleasant	V	1886	Full	Willie R. Kimberlin, State Road	6	5	5	169	51	220	2	.....	3,815
Oak Grove	R	1946	1, 3	John West, Wilkesboro	14	10	.....	131	6	137	2	.....	900
Pleasant Hill	T	1897	Full	N. C. Teague, Elkin	24	7	36	598	140	738	2	80	4,420
Pleasant Home	R	1878	2, 4	Vaughn Brown, Rt. 3, N. Wilkesboro	.....	.....	6	.....	.....	222	2	.....	335
Poplar Springs	R	1885	1, 3	C. B. Mickles, R2, East Bend	11	3	7	170	76	246	1	3	1,274
Rock Creek	R	1849	2, 4	Carnie E. Shugart, Jonesville	14	4	14	205	96	301	2	8	650
Ronda	V	1893	2, 4	John L. Wells, N. Wilkesboro	.....	3	4	123	68	191	.....	.....	1,200
Shoaly Branch	R	1884	1, 3	James M. Reece, Thurmond	6	2	4	143	.....	143	2	.....	.....
Union Hill	R	1948	1, 3	Ralph J. Stanley, Rt. 1, Elkin	2	.....	4	.....	.....	47	2	5	431
White Plains	R	1843	1, 3	Cecil M. Hooper, Elkin	4	2	6	200	25	225	1	1	795
TOTALS					166	109	191	3,283	934	5,576	35	739	36,698

TABLE B — THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

CHURCHES	Sunday School Superintendents and Addresses	Cradle Roll	Nursery	Beginners	Primaries	Juniors	Intermediates	Young People, Single	Young People, Married	Adults	Extension Department	Officers Not Counted Classes and Departments	Mission S. S. Enrollment	Grand Total Sunday School Enrollment	Average Attendance	Vacation Bible School Enrollment	Average Attendance Vac. Bible School	No. Training Schools
Bessie's Chappel	Gaither Wall, Rt. 1, Elkin			12	25	15	16	20	20	80				188	135	109	92	
Center	Jerry Adams, 120 Eller St., Elkin			19		13	8	15		18		7		80	71	47	37	
Cool Spirngs	Fred Bowers, Rt. 2 Elkin			9	22	13	10	20	21	43		4		142	112	114	99	
Elkin: East	Thomas McBride, Elkin			13	14	13	16	29	21	48		3		157	91	59	50	
First	L. F. Mathis, 174 Victoria St., Elkin	12	89	41	71	72	58	45		303	34	7	11	743	405	245	218	2
West	W. M. Snow, 161 Harris Ave., Elkin		8	14	11	15	8	10		65				131	95	86	86	
Elkin Valley	G. B. Walters, Rt. 2, Elkin	5	30	25	40	55	50	23	20	180	19	4		451	275	135	122	1
Little Elkin	Cecil Lawrence, Wall St., Elkin			10	10	12	15	24		87		2		160	130	80	75	
Macedonia	Roy Felts, Rt. 1, Ronda			6	15	17	32	17	17	25		2		133	95	73	68	1
Maple Springs	Glen Burchette, Rt. 1, Ronda			16		13		13		20		7		98	69	44	39	
Mineral Springs	Transou Boles, Jonesville			10	25	36	35	15		110		3	234	174	107	100		
Mt. Pleasant	Wm. A. Walter, State Road	9	5	9	12	18	23	7	3	101	14	5		206	146	96	92	
Oak Grove	Wake Watts, N. Wilkesboro			11	17	20	18	20		42				128	90	56	54	
Pleasant Hill	Phillip Ray, 129 Decatur Ave., Elkin	18	40	33	43	68	70	53		293	14	4		628	385	213	180	1
Pleasant Home	Thaddeus Darnell, Rt. 1, R. River			12		7	8	8		56				91	80	35	30	
Poplar Springs	Hayden Moxley, N. Bridge St., Elkin													175	134	75	70	
Rock Creek	Eugene Sebastian, Rt. 2, N. Wilkesboro			15	16	26	28	21		30				136	95	88	83	
Ronda	L. H. Petree, Ronda	7	7	7	9	12	14		15	22	15	1		109	76	86	68	
Shoaly Branch	J. H. White, State Road			25		25		25		72				147	98	67	65	
Union Hill	Grady Money, Rt. 1, Thurmond			20		9		9	14	23				75	50	47	40	
White Plains	Clay Alexander, Roaring River			20		18	11	11	26	27		8		154	113	96	90	
TOTALS		51	179	327	330	477	420	385	157	1645	96	57	245	4306	2852	1951	1658	5

TABLE C — TRAINING UNION

CHURCHES	TRAINING UNION DIRECTORS AND ADDRESSES	Nursery	Beginners	Primaries	Juniors	Intermediates	Young People	Adults	General Officers Enrolled	Grand Total Enrolled	Average Attendance
Bessie's Chapel											
Center											
Cool Springs	Mrs. Raymond Blackburn, Gen. Del., Elkin		6		9		20	22		57	44
Elkin: East	Mason Burcham, Johnson St., Elkin		9		11	8	7	16	3	54	32
First	Virginia Dare Teague, Box 618, Elkin	6	6	7	37	28	11	48	3	146	85
West	Howard Royall, 118 Reeves Lane, Elkin		8		21	7	23			59	35
Elkin Valley	Mrs. Oscar Darnell, 429 Oakland Dr., Elkin	3		16	16	14	9	35	2	95	60
Little Elkin											
Macedonia	Ralph Tharpe, Rt. 1, Ronda		3	5	11	14	15	27	2	77	43
Maple Springs	Luther Holbrook, Rt. 1, Ronda		9		9		9	10		30	39
Mineral Springs	Johnny York, Jonesville			11	13	13	6	33	2	78	49
Mt. Pleasant	Frederick Burcham, State Road	6	7		12	16	5	19		65	45
Oak Grove											
Pleasant Hill	Mrs. Linville Couch, Pleasant Hill Dr., Elkin		12	22	38	34	15	56	2	179	106
Pleasant Home	Kenneth Jordan, Rt. 1, Roaring River		5		8			25	5	38	29
Poplar Springs	Clyde Orr, P. O. Box 721, Elkin								6	98	58
Rock Creek	Vaughn Durham, Rt. 2, N. Wilkesboro		6	5	8	6	8	10	6	49	36
Ronda	Kermit Lyons, Ronda			3	6	9		13	1	32	
Shoaly Branch	Mrs. James A. Martin, Rt. 2, Elkin		9	9	15		24	21		78	40
Union Hill											
White Plains											
TOTALS		15	80	78	214	149	152	335	32	1135	701

TABLE D — WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

CHURCHES	PRESIDENTS OF W.M.S. AND ADDRESSES	W.M.S. Units	Y.W.A. Units	G. A. Units	Sunbeam Units	Total Units	W.M.S. Enrolled	Y.W.A. Enrolled	G.A. Enrolled	Sunbeam Enrolled	Total Enrolled	Total Tithers All Organizations
Elkin: East	Mrs. Lottie Burch, Elkin	1	.....	.....	1	2	19	.....	.....	20	39	7
First	Mrs. J. K. Bryant, P. O. Box 726, Elkin	1	1	1	3	6	231	11	27	60	329	126
West	Mrs. Granville Cheek, Reeves Lane, Elkin	2	.....	1	1	4	28	.....	12	12	52	17
Elkin Valley	Mrs. Edward Darnell, Robin Rd., Elkin	5	1	2	2	10	82	12	35	32	161	100
Mineral Springs	Mrs. Lorene Ingool, Jonesville	1	.....	2	1	4	23	.....	18	15	56	18
Mt. Pleasant	Mrs. J. Ralph Gentry, State Road	1	.....	2	1	4	30	.....	26	19	75	29
Pleasant Hill	Mrs. J. B. Hutchins, Box 566, Elkin	4	1	2	2	9	48	12	41	22	123	31
Poplar Springs	Mrs. Bill Lawrence, Rt. 2, Elkin	1	.....	.....	.....	1	20	.....	.....	.....	20	.....
Rock Creek	Mrs. Paul Haynes, Rt. 2, N. Wilkesboro	1	.....	.....	.....	1	24	.....	.....	.....	24	7
Ronda	Mrs. Blanche Martin, Ronda	1	1	.....	.....	2	13	9	.....	.....	22	.....
Union Hill	Mrs. Margaret Kennedy, Rt. 1, Thurmond	1	.....	.....	.....	1	11	.....	.....	.....	11	.....
TOTALS		19	4	10	11	44	529	44	159	180	912	335

TABLE E — BROTHERHOOD WORK

CHURCHES	Presidents of Men's Brotherhoods And Addresses	Chrm. Royal Ambassador Co. And Addresses	Men's Brotherhood Enroll.	No. Jr. R. A. Chapters	Jr. R. A. Enrollment	No. Inter. R. A. Chapters	Intermediate R. A. Enroll.	Total Brotherhood Enroll.
Elkin: East	C. C. Francis, Box 495, Elkin		24					24
First	Richard F. Callaway, Hillcrest Dr.		78					78
West				1	7			7
Elkin Valley	Reginald Gambill, N. Bridge		39	1	18	1	8	65
Mineral Springs		Curtiss Hayes, Jonesville		1	17			17
Mt. Pleasant	Gene Hemric, State Road	W. R. Kimberlin, State Road	12	1	9	1	8	29
Pleasant Hill	Odell Couch, Pleasant Hill Dr.	Howard Moncus, Elkin	60	1	15			75
TOTALS			213	5	66	2	16	295

TABLE F — CHURCH MUSIC — CHURCH LIBRARY — BUILDING

CHURCHES	Choir Directors of Churches And Addresses	Number Choirs	Total Choir Enrollment	Total Music Budget (excluding salaries)	Name of Hymnal Used in Auditorium	Value Pastor's Home	Value of Church Property Including Pastor's Home	Money Spent on New Construction, Property, Equipt.	Total Church Debt at End of Year	Cooperative Program, Total Budget	Association Mission Goal Coming Year
Bessie's Chapel	Henry F. Wall, Mountain Park										
Center	Sam Spicer, Thurmond				Broadman		5,000				
Cool Springs	Wanda Pettyjohn, Rt. 2, Elkin	2	60		Broadman		15,000				
Elkin: East	Claude R. Pardue, Rt. 1, Elkin	1	21		Broadman		5,500				
First	Mrs. Howard J. Ford, Elkin	2	50	1,615	New Baptist	30,000	530,000	21,840	160,000		
West	Roy Royall, Box 7, Elkin	1	31	50	Broadman		50,000	577	19,700	200	252
Elkin Valley	Mrs. Raymond Johnson, Elkin	1	27		Broadman	20,000	150,000	5,619	23,000	1,000	300
Little Elkin											
Macedonia	Miss Etta Mae Flynn, Ronda				Broadman		3,500				
Maple Springs	Jerry Collins, Rt. 2, Elkin	2					16,000	243			
Mineral Springs	Aubrey Martin, Jonesville	2	70		Broadman	12,000	34,000	920			
Mt. Pleasant	Mrs. Wm. A. Walters, State Road	5	60	250	Broadman	5,000	17,000	1,500		797	
Oak Grove	Mary Elmore, Rt. 2, N. Wilkes										
Pleasant Hill	Everett Darnell, Elkin	4	105	275	Broadman	30,000		6,800	6,000	9%	200
Pleasant Home	Quincey Cheek, Roaring River	1			Broadman						
Poplar Springs	Roscoe Gentry, State Road	2	65		Revival		20,000	1,261			
Rock Creek	Earl Wiles, Rt. 2, N. Wilkesboro	1			Broadman		15,000	307	800	10%	
Ronda	Mrs. R. C. Martin, Ronda	1	22				40,000	32,000	13,000		
Shoaly Branch							13,700	811			
Union Hill	Robert Calloway, Thrrmond	1					5,000				
White Plains	Rom Wood, Roaring River	2	40	25	Broadman		35,000	546			
TOTALS		28	551	2,215		97,000	754,700	72,724	222,500		752

TABLE G AND H — TOTAL GIFTS AND LOCAL EXPENDITURES

CHURCHES	TREASURERS AND ADDRESSES	Total Gifts For All Purposes	Total Salaries (Do Not Include Pastor's Salary Here)	Maintenance, Insurance, Repair, etc.	New Buildings and Equipment	Literature, Song Books, Printing, etc.	Local Missions and Benevolences	Revival Expenses and Pastoral Supply	Payment on Church Debt	Other Local Expenses	Total Local Expenses (Excluding Pastor's Salary)	Pastor's Salary (Money Paid)	Grand Total Local Expense
Bessie's Chapel	Billy S. Wall, Rt. 1, Elkin	5,473	186	...	3,667	...	...	136	...	270	...	1,118	5,377
Center	Miss Elizabeth Spicer, Thurmond	697	56	177	...	37	50	25	...	103	448	219	677
Cool Springs	Mrs. Paul Newman, Elkin	4,186	240	874	...	263	218	213	...	192	1,999	1,185	3,184
Elkin: East	Mrs. Glenn Cooke, Elkin	3,712	120	16	...	270	...	102	...	233	731	1,680	2,411
First	T. L. Parnell, Elkin	70,238	6,477	1,639	21,840	3,090	266	533	19,568	7,078	60,458	6,966	67,425
West	Miss Mallie Owen, Elkin	6,939	480	142	577	330	...	150	1,624	938	4,241	900	5,141
Elkin Valley	Paul Fletcher, Elkin	25,585	1,118	1,330	5,619	1,096	...	425	6,425	3,224	19,237	4,260	23,497
Little Elkin	Baxter Lyon, Rt. 1, Ronda	3,302	275	586	86	196	73	125	...	395	1,736	1,437	3,173
Macedonia	Walter Flynn, Rt. 1, Ronda	5,056	180	10	...	310	70	54	...	126	749	905	1,654
Maple Springs	Beamer Boyd, Rt. 1, Ronda	576	...	2,000	...	41	27	166	321	...	449	334	779
Mineral Springs	Victor Poindexter, Jonesville	13,759	520	930	...	312	432	389	3,863	1,337	8,128	3,640	11,803
Mt. Pleasant	J. Ralph Gentry, State Road	12,454	390	403	...	654	210	414	...	1,399	3,471	3,815	7,286
Oak Grove	O. G. Tharpe, Rt. 2, N. Wilkes	...	...	600	123	94	...	185	...	...	1,002	900	1,902
Pleasant Hill	Denver Holcomb, Elkin	26,468	1,652	386	1,757	639	1,162	465	5,085	3,179	14,325	4,420	18,745
Pleasant Home	W. B. Edwards, Rt. 1, R. River	2,455	36	45	...	...	...	103	1,615	179	1,977	335	2,312
Poplar Springs	Herman Hinson, State Road	4,365	240	761	500	250	53	163	...	1,157	3,124	1,274	4,398
Rock Creek	Vaughn Durham, Rt. 2, N. Wilkes	2,619	...	168	...	154	286	145	173	440	1,364	650	2,014
Ronda	Richard C. Martin, Ronda	7,530	...	131	32,156	243	128	25	19,000	494	32,176	1,200	63,176
Shoaly Branch	James A. Martin, Rt. 2, Elkin	...	...	115	811	98	187	52	...	116	1,379	363	1,742
Union Hill	Mrs. M. Kennedy, Rt. 1, Thurmond	1,116	...	145	...	63	42	31	277	21	579	431	1,010
White Plains	Odell Blackburn, Rt. 1. R. River	1,854	168	202	546	99	84	187	...	795	2,080	795	2,875
TOTALS		98,384	12,138	10,660	67,682	8,189	3,288	4,088	57,969	21,676	59,653	38,827	230,580

TABLE I AND J — MISSION EXPENDITURES AND TOTAL EXPENDITURES

CHURCHES	CLERKS OF CHURCHES AND ADDRESSES	Cooperative Program	Associational Missions	Designated State Missions	Designated Home Missions	Designated Foreign Missions	Christian Ed. Schools	Orphans Home	Designated Hospitals	Other Objects, Relief and Annuity, etc.	Total Mission Expenditures	Grand Total Expenditures For All Purposes
Bessie's Chapel	C. B. Key, Rt. 1, Elkin							60	35		95	6,973
Center	Miss Bonnie Spicer, Thurmond	12						20	31	16	79	746
Cool Springs	Eugene Pettyjohn, Rt. 2, Elkin	250	40	35	35	52	83	55	45	37	632	3,816
Elkin: East	John W. Williams, Rt. 1, Elkin	72		9				38	26	62	207	2,618
First	Miss Hazel Byrd, Elkin	6,967	50	243	348	1,308		791	385	160	10,252	77,677
West	Mrs. Reece Cockerham, Elkin	41		18	159	35		43	39	73	408	5,549
Elkin Valley	G. C. Cooper, Elkin	625		264	249	736		120	50		2,045	25,542
Little Elkin	Colon E. Wall, Ronda					31	100	75			206	3,378
Macedonia	C. R. Byrd, Rt. 1, Ronda	141	25	17	15	17	119	174	30		538	2,191
Maple Springs	Beamer Boyd, Rt. 1, Ronda											779
Mineral Springs	Mrs. Polly Vestal, Jonesville	16		82	83	200	74	159	100	41	538	12,087
Mt. Pleasant	Mrs. M. L. Donovan, State Road	797	40	40	106	250		50	50	65	1,399	8,685
Oak Grove	O. G. Tharpe, Rt. 2, N. Wilkesboro	109						270			379	2,281
Pleasant Hill	Joe J. Cockerham, Elkin	1,670		143	171	334	22	848	156	320	3,664	22,409
Pleasant Home	John Burcham, Rt. 1, R. River			5				15	31	15	66	2,378
Poplar Springs	Posey Steele, Rt. 1, Elkin	50		40	10	51	50	16	50	5	272	4,670
Rock Creek	Mrs. C. H. Wood, Rt. 2, N. Wilkes	34	5	8	72	100	85	32	50	219	605	2,619
Ronda	Mrs. G. E. Golliher, Ronda		80	10	18	41	235	30	81		495	63,671
Shoaly Branch	James A. Martin, Rt. 2, Elkin							25	20		45	1,786
Union Hill	Mrs. Doris Shores, R1, Thurmond				24			134	32	29	219	1,228
White Plains	Odell Blackburn, Rt. 1, R. River	12		10				67	50		139	3,014
TOTALS		10,796	240	924	1,290	3,155	768	3,022	1,261	1,042	22,283	254,097

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ASSOCIATIONAL DIRECTORY

OFFICERS

N. C. Teague, Moderator ..... Elkin

George Hankins, Vice-Moderator ..... Jonesville

Mrs. Jim DeBorde, Clerk-Treasurer ..... Elkin

ASSOCIATIONAL OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Mrs. Richard F. Calloway, Superintendent ..... Elkin

Mrs. W. C. Guth, Associate Superintendent ..... Elkin

Miss Mallie Owen, Secretary-Treasurer ..... Elkin

Mrs. Ernest Edwards, Sunbeam Leader ..... Elkin

Miss Dare Teague, G. A. Leader ..... Elkin

Mrs. Lester Cleary, Y. W. A. Leader ..... Elkin

Mrs. Earl James, Mission Study ..... Elkin

Mrs. George Hankins, Community Missions ..... Jonesville

Mrs. T. R. Johnson, Stewardship ..... Elkin

Mrs. John Sears, Literature ..... Elkin

Mrs. Tommy Johnson, Prayer Chairman ..... Elkin

Mrs. Grady Fuller ..... Elkin
Chairman of Carver School of Missions and Social Work
Margaret Fund Chairman

ASSOCIATIONAL OFFICERS OF THE TRAINING UNION

Mr. Tommy E. Johnson, Director ..... Elkin

Mr. T. C. Darnell, Associate Director ..... Pleasant Home

MINISTERS ORDAINED DURING THE YEAR

Tommie Collins ..... Elkin

Hugh Finney ..... Winston-Salem

LIST OF MESSENGERS

BESSIE'S CHAPEL—B. F. Southard, Alfred Southard, Oscar Stanley, A. D. Southard. Alternates: Mrs. Audrey Key, Mrs. Vera Southard, Mrs. Fairy Southard, Henry Wall.

CENTER—Jerry Adams, Delaney Spicer, Quinton Spicer. Alternates: Sam Spicer, Kathleen Adams, Sally Spicer.

COOL SPRINGS—Eugene Pettyjohn, Mrs. Paul Newman, Oren Holbrook. Alternates: Paul Walker, M. L. Pettyjohn, O. P. Holbrook.

ELKIN: EAST—Mrs. Opal Hinson, Mrs. Clay Burcham, Mrs. Virginia Parker. Alternates: Mrs. G. W. Creed, Mrs. Tommie Collins, Glenn Cooke.

ELKIN: FIRST—Rev. and Mrs. Howard J. Ford, Miss Dare Teague and Mrs. W. T. Roth.

ELKIN: WEST—Hasten Laffoon, Ed Murphy, W. M. Ensley, Howard Murphy, Tommy Johnson, Alternates: Mrs. Clyde Haynes, Miss Mallie Owens, Mrs. Reece Cockerham, Mrs. Tommy Johnson, Mrs. Howard Royall.

ELKIN VALLEY—Lee Roy Hayes, Lester Cass, Mrs. Thurmond Johnson, Mrs. Paul Fletcher, Miss Blanche Harmon, H. F. Tulbert. Alternates: J. C. Martin, G. M. Hayes, Thurmond Gentry, Mrs. Thurmond Gentry, Mrs. W. C. Guth.

LITTLE ELKIN—C. M. Laster, J. T. Byrd, M. S. Mickle. Alternates: R. E. Key, Mary Laster, Priscilla Reynolds.

MACEDONIA—Mrs. Madie Dimmette, Mrs. Rosella Poplin, Mrs. Nell Flynn. Alternates: Mrs. Albert Collins, Albert Collins, Avery Byrd.

MAPLE SPRINGS—Junior Collins, Beamer Boyd, Robert Burchette. Alternates: Fred Harris, Hillery Holbrook, Connie Walter.

MINERAL SPRINGS—Herman Alexander, Jake Teague, Houston Burcham, Charles Casstevens Jack Osborne. Alternates: Polly Vestal, Virginia Hankins, Helen Wiles, Vesta Case, Nonnie Casstevens.

MOUNT PLEASANT—Walter Carter, Mrs. Susie Grace Royall, Mrs. Coolidge Layell. Alternates: Rufus Carter, Rufus Gentry, Mrs. Dell Irvin.

OAK GROVE—Rev. J. R. McNeil, Mrs. L. D. Wiles, Mrs. Earnest Elmore. Alternates: Mrs. J. R. McNeil, L. D. Wiles, Earnest Elmore.

PLEASANT HILL—James Ring, Charlie Blackburn, Von Byrd, Johnny Yarboro, Faye Couch. Alternates: Howard Moncus, Mrs. J. B. Hutchins, Mary Darnell, Della Couch, Mrs. Marcus Myers.

PLEASANT HOME—John Q. Burcham, Quincy Cheek, Quentin Jordan. Alternates: Hallie Couch, Dorris Darnell, Alene Jordan.

POPLAR SPRINGS—Esker Hinson, Posey Steele, Spencer Mooney, Gwyn Eldridge, Clarence Newman. Alternates: Mrs. Faye Eldridge, Roscoe Gentry, Mrs. Lizzie Gambill, Mrs. Kate Hinson, Mrs. Vassie Mooney.

ROCK CREEK—Paul Haynes, Arthur Sebastian, Reba Durham. Alternates: Clara Haynes, Collie Sebastian, Fred Blackburn.

RONDA—F. C. Anthony, Mrs. F. C. Anthony, Rev. John L. Wells, Mrs. John L. Wells, Mrs. D. L. Burchette. Alternates: Mrs. G. E. Golliher, Mrs. C .C. Tharpe, Mrs. Richard Martin.

SHOALY BRANCH—J. H. White, O. H. Gentry, James A. Martin, Mrs. Frank Gambill, Mrs. Robert Spencer. Alternates: Clyde Draughn, Mrs. Paul Pardue.

UNION HILL—Mrs. Grady Money, Mrs. J. J. Kennedy, Mrs. Grady Norman, Mrs. Rozella Shores. Alternates: Mrs. Oscar Sidden, Mrs. J. D. Shores.

WHITE PLAINS—Mrs. Mildred Tharpe, Palmer Tharpe, Mrs. Arthur Sparks, Mrs. Cora Blackburn, Mrs. Paul Byrd. Alternate: Paul Byrd.

CONSTITUTION

1. This association shall be known as the Elkin Baptist Association. It shall be composed of the officers of the association; messengers chosen by the churches, each church being entitled to five messengers; and all pastors of churches of the association.

2. The object of this association shall be the promotion of Christ's Kingdom throughout the world through the development of our local churches and through co-operation with our State and Southern Baptist Convention programs.

3. The messengers of the churches shall be responsible for bringing letters of information from their churches to the association.

4. This association shall hold an annual meeting at such time and place as the body may designate; the associational year shall be from September 1 to August 31.

5. The association shall elect annually such officers as are deemed necessary for the proper functions of the association. Any person serving or having served 2 full annual terms as moderator shall be ineligible for re-election until a year has elapsed.

6. It shall be the duty of the moderator to preside at the meetings of the association and to appoint a nominating committee previous to each session of the association.

7. It shall be the duty of the clerk to keep a faithful and correct record of all the proceedings of each session of the association and to have the same printed and distributed to the churches of the association. At the discretion of the clerk a registrar may be appointed to register messengers and visitors to sessions of the association.

8. The association shall have a fund for the printing and distribution of minutes, provided by voluntary contribution from the churches.

9. It shall be the duty of the treasurer to keep a correct record of all the funds collected and distributed. He may be called upon to report to the Executive Committee quarterly and shall report to the association annually.

10. There shall be elected annually a program committee consisting of five members; three of whom shall be suggested by the association nominating committee and the other two shall be the moderator and clerk of the association.

11. The Executive Committee shall be composed of the officers of the association and 4 others nominated by the associational nominating committee. This committee shall direct the work of the association between sessions, including finances, associational mission work, etc. This committee, with all pastors in the association, Associational Sunday School Superintendent, Associational Training Union Director, Associational Woman's Missionary Union Superintendent, Associational Brotherhood President, Associational Music Director, and

Associational Chairman of Evangelism, shall work together in the promotion of the local and mission work of the association.

12. The association shall have no power to exercise lordship over God's heritage, but shall only be considered as an advisory body in all matters respecting the churches.

13. The Association may withdraw fellowship from any church that fails to keep the spirit of this constitution and the rules of order.

14. The constitution may be altered or emended at any annual session, provided that such amendment is presented in writing on the first day of the association and voted on and passed favorably the second day by two-thirds vote of the messengers.

RULES OF ORDER

1. Each session of the association shall be opened with a devotional period and closed by prayer.

2. The moderator shall recognize the messengers from the churches of the association.

3. The moderator shall recognize the visitors to the association.

4. All messengers shall address each brother and sister courteously and in the spirit of Christ.

5. The business of the association shall be conducted according to regular parliamentary procedure.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in only one true and living God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost and these three are one.

2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the words of God, and the only rules of Faith and Practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of Election by grace.

4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin, and in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature by his own free will or ability.

5. We believe that sinners are called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit and that all who are thus regenerated are born again by the Spirit of God, shall never fall finally away.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God by imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.

7. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only subjects of those ordinances; and we believe that the only true mode of Baptism is by immersion.

8. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgement, and that the joys of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

9. We believe that no minister has the right to administer the ordinances of the Gospel, except such as are regularly called, and come under the imposition by the Presbytery.

PROCEEDINGS

Of The

SEVENTY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION

Of The

ELKIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Held With The

MINERAL SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH

September 19, 1957

And

COOL SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH

September 20, 1957

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION — 9:45 A. M.

The Elkin Baptist Association was declared in session by the Moderator, Rev. W. C. Guth.

Rev. N. C. Teague led the association in the singing of the hymn, "Near The Cross."

Rev. W. C. Guth extended a welcome to all attending the association and introduced Rev. George Hankins who brought the devotional thought for the morning session. Rev. Hankins' devotional thought was taken from the first chapter of I Thessalonians.

Letters were called for and messengers recognized. There were messengers from each church in the Elkin Baptist Association, thus making the association one hundred per cent in representation.

Mrs. Walter Morrison, visitor from Roaring River, was recognized.

The following report presented by Rev. Tommy Johnson, Associational Missionary, was adopted.

REPORT OF ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONARY

The following report is complete through August 31, 1957, for a ten month period since becoming your missionary.

There are some things that cannot be put on paper or in a report, for as you know much of the work done during the year cannot be recorded in statistics, for the increased interest, the enthusiasm and fine response of the people can only be shown in the reports of the Churches themselves. Even then, spiritual benefits cannot be measured by figures.

The first year as your Associational missionary has been a very busy one. Trying to activate the Associational Missions Program and

trying by the help of our Lord to meet each request from the churches and pastors.

The record below is a list of the activities I have been engaged in for you and our Savoir.

Sermons, Sunday School Lessons	94
Study courses, V.B.S.	7
Churches visited and worked in	80
Miles driven in Association	6,347
Individual Conferences	577
Groups and Committee meetings	43
Letters, Cards, etc. mailed	2,514
Attended Pastor's conference	10
Attended meetings outside association	11
Prepared and distributed calendar of activity of Association	50
Helped in organizing B.T.U.	1
Weddings	1
Baptismal services	1
Revival meetings	1
Items prepared for press	8
Helped to plan V.B.S.	9
V.B.S. Clinics helped in	2
Associational meetings attended (besides special meetings)	10

The Lord has been very gracious to us this year. I have been in every Church one or more times and have been able to do some kind of work in every one of the churches upon the Pastor's request.

"The fields are white unto harvest" and may I request your prayers, your support and your co-operation as we continue to work at the task set before us by our Christ.

Respectfully submitted

TOMMY JOHNSON

Upon motion, the following report presented by Mrs. Jim DeBorde was adopted.

REPORT OF TREASURER

Below is a report of the total amount received and the amount disbursed through and including August 31, 1957. Also included in this report is a Proposed Budget for 1957-58 and a report of the anticipated income for the next associational year.

Churches and Amounts Received In 1956-57

Bessie's Chapel	$ 00.00
Center	40.00
Cool Springs	50.00
Elkin: East	53.35
First	375.75
West	168.33
Elkin Valley	300.00
Little Elkin	00.00
Macedonia	70.00
Maple Springs	00.00
Mineral Springs	227.60
Mt. Pleasant	105.00
Oak Grove	00.00
Pleasant Hill	225.00
Pleasant Home	32.40
Poplar Springs	71.41
Rock Creek	00.00
Rock Creek, WMS	50.00
Ronda	00.00
Shoaly Branch	00.00
Union Hill	25.00
White Plains	00.00
Baptist State Con.	900.00

Supply Work

Cool Springs Young People's B.T.U.	25.00
Elkin First	16.00
Elkin Valley	7.50
Pleasant Hill	25.00
Ronda	50.00
Swaims Knob (outside association)	10.00

Misc. Income

Amount brought forward 9-1-56	162.68
Asso. Minute fund	210.80
Associational offering	36.15
Sunday School Clinic	119.39
Study Course	42.15
Sept. 1957 payments	71.57
Pleasant Home (study course books)	5.25
Total Received	$3475.33

Disbursements

Rev. Cannon (S. S. Clinic)	$ 55.00
Baptist Book Store	133.14
Rev. Tommy Johnson (Asso. missions)	2250.00
Elk Printing Co. (minutes)	211.70
Sabrilla DeBorde (clerk's fee)	75.00
Rev. W. C. Guth (asso. telephone calls)	6.40
Elkin Valley Church (asso. supplies)	12.68
Rev. Tommy Johnson (expenses)	317.07
Master Products Co.	13.90
Total Disbursed	$3074.89
Total Received	$3475.33
Total Disbursed	$3074.89
Balance on hand August 31, 1957	$ 400.44

Proposed Budget For 1957-58

Clerk's fee	$ 100.00
Honorary for youth speaker plus expense	25.00
Missionary salary	3000.00
Missionary's expense	350.00
Convention expense	100.00
Minute fund	225.00
Misc.	15.00
Total Proposed Budget	$3820.00

Equipment Needed

Projector and screen	$ 85.00
Total	$3905.00

Anticipated Income

Baptist State Con.	$1200.00
Asso. Minute fund	225.00
Regular offering from churches	2480.00
Total Anticipated Income	$3905.00

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. JIM DeBORDE,
Clerk-Treasurer.

Motion was made and seconded to adopt the following report on Radio and Visual Education presented by Dr. Lin Fincannon.

REPORT ON RADIO AND VISUAL EDUCATION

This department has made some progress this year in the radio and visual education. There remains a great deal yet to be accomplished.

The sponsorship of the Baptist Hour on WIFM, Sunday at 2:30 was continued by the various churches in the association.

We have a total of 12 operators trained to use visual equipment. We have 18 film strips owned by the various churches. These can be rented for a small fee. There has been a total of 32 films and film strips used this year by the various churches of the association.

We have the following suggestions for the next year in radio and visual education: (1) That we continue listing the film strips or slides which each church owns. (2) That each church establish a Radio-Visual Education Committee. (3) That each church place some money in their budget for teaching aids, film strips, and equipment. (4) That a program of understanding of teaching aids be projected into areas not now using the program.

This committee will help any pastor or church interested in Radio-Visual Education.

Respectifully submitted,
DR. LIN FINCANNON.

Dr. Lin Fincannon spoke to the report.

Upon motion, the following report presented by Rev. J. L. Wells, was adopted.

REPORT ON THE RELIEF AND ANNUITY BOARD

The joint program of the Relief and Annuity Board, Southern Baptist Convention, and the Baptist State Convention has undergone considerable change and expansion during the past two years.

The Ministers Retirement Plan in North Carolina from its beginning has been different from the Ministers Retirement Plan in other states. This difference was in member and church dues, and benefits received. However, a change was made in the Plan, that uniformity of plan might exist throughout the Southern Baptist Convention. The M. R. P. of North Carolina on January 1, 1956 was closed to new members. After that date all new members must come into the Southern Baptist Protection Plan, which plan is the same in all states. North Carolina increased the benefits of its state MRP to meet the benefits of the Ministers Security Plan of other states. It was agreed that the total contributions of member, church, and state convention should match the dues of the MSP in other states, that is, 15 per cent of the salary basis.

Throughout the Convention much growth of the plans has been realized. During the first six months of 1957 there were issued 2,176 certificates. Of these, 1,026 were to applicants who have never had membership in one of the plans.

The Southern Baptist Protection Plan enrolled 492 new members; Age Security, 93; and the Savings Annuity Plan, 55. There were 430 new churches enlisted in the state unit plans during the same period of time.

At the end of June, there were 562 old ministers on the relief roll and 816 widows, making a total of 1,378. Thirty preachers and 25 widows were added to the rolls during the first six months. The total expenditures for relief for the first six months of 1957 were $133,931.14.

Total income and receipts for the first two quarters amounted to $5,032, 559.66. Receipts from premiums and dues represented $3, 787,192.92.

Benefits paid out during the first six months totaled $1,068,649.51. The total assets on June 30 was $52,431,590.95. Present and future annuitants now have claims of $46,116,214.58, or for 87.9% of the assets.

In North Carolina, under the MRP, 89 annuitants and 37 widows are today receiving benefits, and 4 ministers are receiving disability benefits. Under the direct relief program 63 ministers and 94 widows are receiving grants in aid amounting to $24,644 annually.

The Relief and Annuity Board desires to be helpful in every way possible, and respectfully solicits the participation of pastors and churches in its protection plans.

Respectfully submitted,
JOHN L. WELLS.

Rev. Howard J. Ford, Rev. James M. Hayes, and Rev. J. L. Powers, emphasized the importance of the Relief and Annuity Board.

The following report presented by Rev. J. L. Powers was adopted.

N. C. BAPTIST HOMES FOR AGING

This, the seventh year of operation of the Baptist Homes for the Aging, has been the greatest year of expansion, thanks to our Lord for His continued favor, and the North Carolina Baptists for their increased support.

The new Administration and Residential Building was opened June 13. All rooms are now occupied, except four in the infirmary, which are reserved for residents who will need them.

The new building increased facilities to 112 residents, counting residents at Resthaven and the Albemarle Home. It also added half a million dollars to the value of the assets of the Home for the Aging.

Another forward step was taken in July when the General Board voted unanimously to accept the offer of Don G. Matthews, Sr., Hamilton, N. C., to give $50,000 and land on which to build a Home for the Aging in eastern Carolina. This fourth Home will probably add space for approximately forty additional residents, thus bringing the total capacity of all the Homes to 150 residents.

Two wills have been probated in Forsyth County in which the Homes were remembered with sizeable gifts when received. Word has come of other wills in which the Homes will share.

A total of about eighty-five thousand ($85,000) dollars has been received from the February Special Day Offering. This represents an average gift of ten (10c) cents per Baptist—850,000 in number.

The challenge facing the Homes for the Aging at present is to finish paying for the new building, although the Baptist State Convention authorized that the Homes might borrow up to one hundred, seventy-five thousand ($175,000) dollars to finish paying for the con-

struction and equipping the new building on Reynolds Park Road. Actually, it was not necessary to borrow but one hundred thousand ($100,000) dollars. Surely, with all North Carolina Baptists responding with a generous Special Day Offering on the third Sunday of February, 1958, and with continued gifts coming in from other sources as they have been in the past, this balance of one hundred thousand ($100,000) dollars, should be paid within the year. Accordingly, if every pastor and superintendent of the Sunday School will urge the members of each church to respond to this worthy cause, the Baptist Homes for the Aging will be free of debt by the end of the year, 1958.

The residents, and all connected with the Homes for the Aging, are deeply grateful for the support received in the past, and join with the Baptists of our state in thanking God for His favor and blessings year by year.

The state of health of the residents has been remarkably good, considering their ages 65 to 97 years.

Respectfully submitted,
REV. J. L. POWERS

Rev. James M. Hayes, General Superintendent Home for Aging, spoke to the report.

The following report, presented by Mrs. W. T. Roth, was adopted.

REPORT ON BIBLICAL RECORDER

Good reading brings knowledge, and knowledge brings understanding. And out of understanding comes the power to live wisely. Baptists work together in a great spiritual democracy. But no democracy can live unless its people keep informed and inspired by the right kind of reading. "Give attention to reading," urged Paul to the early Christians. "Blessed is he that readeth," declared the Apostle John in his last message.

In the year 1830, North Carolina Baptists organized themselves into the Baptist State Convention. The Constitution stated that the main purpose was "the promotion of missions, education, social service, and the distribution of sound religious literature." Three years later, 1833, the Biblical Recorder was founded to help carry out these aims. No baptist home or mail box is beyond the reach of the RECORDER each week, yet only about one family in four are receiving the Recorder.

We sincerely urge all pastors, associational workers, Sunday School Superintendents, teachers, and officers, state workers, W. M. U., Training Union and Brotherhood members and others, to promote in every possible way the EVERY-FAMILY plan or at least a good-sized RECORDER club in every church. No Baptist can keep well informed about the work of his church and denomination unless he reads his State Baptist paper.

If your church will use the Every-Family Plan which is one subscription to each home in the church the price per year is $1.50. If your church cannot do this, then try to get a Club Plan, with 4 or more subscriptions, the price is $2.00 a year. If you cannot get the Club Plan then you take the Recorder: the single subscription is $2.50 a year. Just be sure the Recorder comes to YOUR home.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. W. T. ROTH.

C. W. Bazemore, Associate of Circulation for the Biblical Recorder, spoke to the report.

The following committees were appointed: Resolutions Committee, Mrs. Howard J. Ford, Chairman, Mrs. Tyre Royall and Mrs. Jim DeBorde; The Time, Place, and Preacher committee: Rev. J. L. Powers, Chairman, Mr. Murl Newman and Rev. Tommy Johnson.

The associational message was delivered by Rev. J. L. Powers. The title of his message was "The Sin of Christians." He led the closing prayer of the morning session and at the same time returned thanks for the noonday meal which was prepared and served by the members of the Mineral Springs Baptist Church. Because of weather conditions, the meal was served in the recreation room of the First Baptist Church in Elkin. We were cordially invited to remain at the First Baptist Church for the afternoon session.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The association meeting at the First Baptist Church began its afternoon session with the singing of the hymn "All Hail The Power of Jesus' Name" directed by Rev. N. C. Teague.

Rev. Tommie Collins conducted the devotional using the second chapter of Acts for his devotional thought.

The following report presented by T. C. Darnell, was adopted.

REPORT ON TRAINING UNION

We are very happy of the progress of our Training Union in our Elkin Association. It has been by the help of the Lord and the wonderful co-operation of the Training Union members of each church to have made this progress possible.

At the close of the Associational year 1956, we had enrolled in Training Union 1,217. At the close of the associational year 1957 we have an enrollment of 1,260. We have organized one new Training Union at White Plains, and had one church, Pleasant Hill, to reach the Standard of Excellence with 2 Junior Unions and one adult union to have Standard Departments.

Meetings held were four mass meeting with an average attendance of 229, four executive meetings, with an average attendance of 5, and four officers and lears council meetings with an average attendance of 36, one Youth Night, 64 attending.

During the year there have been 385 awards given, and twelve Study Courses taught in eight churches.

The work of the Training Union plays a very important part in the growth of any church. It is our duty as leaders and members to work, and cooperate to train our people of our church and our community. "When Abram heard that his brother was taken captive, he armed his trained servants—and pursued them," Gen. 14:14. So must we train ourselves to pursue those whose eyes have been blinded by the force of the evil one. What better way than in our local church Training Union?

Respectfully submitted,

THADDEUS C. DARNELL

Mr. James P. Morgan spoke to the report. At Mr. Morgan's request, Rev. J. W. Allen, visitor from another association, spoke concerning some methods tried in his church to enlarge training union and gave a very inspirational report as to the success of these methods.

Dr. J. C. Canipe, President of the Baptist State Convention, and Mr. H. N. Lance, President of Mars Hill College were recognized. Mr. Lance spoke briefly to report concerning Mars Hill College.

Dr. V. W. Taylor, Jr., gave a brief report on Christian Education. He pointed out that all of our colleges are full this year and were full last year. More space is greatly needed. There has been a Christian Education Committee appointed in our convention to look into the matter. Dr. Taylor is one of the twenty five people composing this committee. He pointed out that there were a number of boys and girls that would like to enroll in our Christian colleges, but because of the space problem, are unable to. The lack of teachers presents a problem also. Dr. Taylor told us in this report that there is a growing need for the type of activities received in our Baptist institutions rather than the state institutions.

Our colleges are rendering services that are far-reaching in training Christian leadership that they do not receive in other colleges. The influence of the type of leadership a youth receives is felt throughout the state and is much greater than some think and believe.

Dr. Bud Smith, president of Wingate College spoke to report concerning Christian Education.

J. C. Canipe, Chairman of the "Tithers Prove Me" program spoke to report in regard to the progress being made in this program. Some very challenging facts were presented us.

Upon motion, the following report was adopted.

COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

I am very happy to bring to you a report on the Cooperative Program. The Cooperative Program was adopted as a plan for Baptists in 1925. Let us not forget that date. The Lord has been blessing this plan for (32) thirty two years. Surely no one can deny that the Lord has continued to bless this plan of Southern Baptists. Is there any other way we as Baptists can put out 2,125 missionaries on Home and Foreign fields?

Can you think of 8 million Baptists and over 30,000 churches working together? It's true many churches could send or support a foreign missionary, but I believe as Baptists we had rather join hands with our sister churches in the Elkin Association. This way we can strengthen one another.

From September 1, 1956 through July 31, 1957, we the churches in this Elkin Association have given through the channel of this Cooperative Program $11,128.03. This is an average of $529.00 for each church.

Let us purpose in our churches to give more next year through our Cooperative Program to the many worthy causes supported by Baptists. God has surely shown His Power through this plan.

Respectfully submitted,
PHILLIP RAY

Dr. M. A. Huggins spoke to the report.

A motion was made to adopt and incorporate the following report into our minutes.

BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME ANNUAL REPORT

The year 1956 was another busy one at the Baptist Children's Home. We were able to admit to our care only one fifth of the children for whom application was made. There was a total of 813 applications. Of this number only 169 children could be admitted to some phase of our program.

Careful research by our Social Service Department made it possible to place many of the remaining 644 children with relatives or other agencies where their needs are being met. Many others could not be placed and are still waiting for someone to come to their rescue. Our pastors have been most tolerant and cooperative in trying to reach the weighty decisions as to which children were in greatest need and should be admitted to fill our few vacancies.

Last year we served a total of 751 children, an increase of 15 over the year before. Of these, 126 were supported in foster boarding homes. We as Baptists of North Carolina, should serve an estimated 1,000 children annually. It is therefore planned to gradually expand the Foster Home Program until we as a denomination are caring for our proportionate share of dependent children.

Another need is the Indian Orphanage at Pembroke. This home cares for about twenty children. Since this home has not been and probably cannot be adequately supported by the local association, considerable sentiment has developed among North Carolina Baptists for admitting it as a part of the Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina, Inc. In view of this sentiment and the pressing need, the Board of Trustees of the Baptist Childrens Home voted unanimously at their regular annual meeting in May, 1957, to recommend to the Baptist State Convention, at its annual meeting in November, 1957, that the Pembroke Orphanage be made a part of the North Carolina Baptist Child Care Program. If the convention approves this action, it will necessitate the erection of one cottage at Pembroke at a cost of about $50,000.00, and an additional operating budget of about $20,000.00 per year.

We believe we can get the money for the cottage through special gifts and bequests. The current support would have to come through the churches. Our Baptist churches have two plans for supporting the Children's Homes.

Plan Number One is a combination of the Once-A-Month Offering and the Cooperative Program. The homes then would receive a fixed amount.

Plan Number Two is the Thanksgiving Offering. Every dollar of this comes to the Children's Homes and may be increased by the churches to meet the increasing needs as far as our people wish to go.

If every church will increase its Thanksgiving Offering 10 per cent, this will give us the $20,000.00 to support the children at Pembroke. If we go beyond this amount in our giving, it will expand the Foster Home Program in helping to care for some of the 644 children who had to be turned away last year. Surely God is not pleased with us until we have done our very best.

CHARITY AND CHILDREN continues to serve North Carolina Baptists in promoting the Kingdom of God. It strives to keep us in-

formed of our denominational work. The circulation is about 52,000. This is 1,000 more than last year. We believe every church will profit by a Charity and Children Club.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. THOMAS E. JOHNSON

Mrs. W. C. Reed spoke to the report.

Rev. Burgiss, missionary for Yadkin Baptist Association dismissed the first day's session with prayer.

SECOND DAY'S SESSION, COOL SPRINGS

FRIDAY MORNING — 9:45 A. M.

With the opening of the second day's session of the Elkin Baptist Association, Rev. N. C. Teague led the singing of the song, "The Kingdom is Coming."

The devotional thought based on John 3:14-17 was offered by Rev. George Walters. The thought that Rev. Walters left with us was that we as Christians, we as co-workers, have the wonderful opportunity and privilege of helping people find eternal life.

Rev. Tommy Johnson presented the following report prepared by Mrs. William A. Walters. Upon motion, the report was adopted.

MUSIC REPORT

In 1944 the Southern Baptist Convention gave the Sunday School Board the responsibility of developing and promoting a program of church music education. Since that time interest and training in good church music has grown by leaps and bounds. Soon Baptists in several states saw the need and challenge of promoting church music.

Our own state now has a secretary of our department of church music, Joseph O. Stroud, a consecrated and able leader. We can be justly proud of this step forward and look forward to a great advancement in our church music in the near future.

The music of the church should be as appealing as the music outside the church. The talents of the young and the old must be utilized for the glory of Christ and his church.

One of the purposes of our state music department is to assist all churches in their music problems. On October 8, at 7:30 p.m., Mr. Stroud will be meeting with us in our own association at Elkin Valley Baptist Church. Let me urge all pastors, music leaders and those interested in the music of your church to be present, and help us plan for a successful year in our own churches and association.

Respectfully submitted,
MARGARET WALTERS

Upon motion, the following report was adopted.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

Jesus established the Church. He commissioned it in Matthew 28:19-20 which, in part, says, "Teach them to observe all things, whatsoever I have commanded." A properly functioning Sunday School guarantees that the Bible will be taught. Effective Bible study

leads naturally to intensive effort toward reaching people, winning them to Christ, and into Christian Service.

This year, the Elkin Association reports 4,761 Sunday School enrollment, an increase of 10.5 percent over last year, one Standard Sunday School, 204 baptisms, 21 Vacation Bible Schools, this includes one mission school.

The association promoted an associational Sunday School study course clinic with 14 churches participating also a Sunday School enlargement campaign assisted by the State Sunday School Board with 14 churches participating.

Will your church through the Sunday School help us to obtain the following goals in the coming year?

1. Every church reporting training
2. Three Standard Sunday Schools
3. Every church having a Vacation Bible School

Respectfully submitted,

GUY MATHIS

Rev. Tommy Johnson spoke to report informing us of the courses offered through the Seminary Extension being held at the First Baptist Church, Elkin. Following these comments, Miss Dare Teague, Educational Director of the First Baptist Church spoke regarding the recent meeting at Ronda Baptist Church at which time ideas were demonstrated for a more effective and diversified openings in our Sunday School Departments.

The following report presented by Rev. N. C. Teague was adopted.

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY

"The Bible Speaks Today" is not just a slogan. It is an experience and a challenge to millions of people around the world.

The one hope of man and nations is Jesus Christ. If the people of the world are to know Christ they must have the Bible.

The American Bible Society is helping to send the Bible to all parts of the world. It helps missionaries to translate the Bible. It publishes without note or comment and distributes without profit, usually below cost. For the Blind it supplies Scriptures in raised letter systems and on Talking Book records.

This year the Bible Society celebrates the translation of some part of the Bible into more than 1,100 different languages and dialects.

Publication will reach an estimated 14,614,000 copies in 1957, including 787,000 Bibles, over 1,000,000 Testaments, and over 12½ million Bible portions. More than 17 million Bible reading bookmarks were distributed through ministers, churches, and individuals.

There is still much to be done!

The American Bible Society belongs to your church. Without your financial support they cannot do their best. Missionaries of your own denomination depend on the Bible Society for Scriptures they need for their people; and the Society depends on your gifts. No gift is too small and none too great. People "on the waiting list" can

receive the Bible through your help. Please send gifts to your Baptist state office marked "for the American Bible Society."

The gift of your church is needed now.

Respectfully submitted,

DENVER HOLCOMB

Rev. N. C. Teague spoke to report emphasizing the importance of the distribution of Bibles.

Upon motion by Mrs. Richard Calloway, the following report was adopted.

REPORT OF THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

As Baptists we are able to study the records and see that we have made progress in the past year. But as we look at the world today; the increase in population, the poverty of the world and the spiritual darkness of its people we begin to feel the enormity of the task that is ours when we undertake to bring the gospel to each person. We as Christians know that God will use His followers to help complete this task if we will but dedicate ourselves and our resources. Woman's Missionary Union exists for the purpose of helping each of its members have a part in bringing the gospel to all the people of the world.

We now have 13 Woman's Missionary Societies in our Association. This is an increase of two during 1956-57. And 30 more women have joined in the work of carrying out our Lord's command to "Go ye." This means that more than 500 women in our Association are working and giving so that the lost may be won to Christ.

Fifty-six additional young people have enlisted in our YWA, GA and Sunbeam Bands so that they might learn of the needs of the world and how to meet those needs. We have one new YWA and one new GA. Let us pray that God may call some of these young people to serve on the mission field.

Our Association gave more to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering than ever before but our entire mission offerings throughout the year only totaled $300.00 more than last year's gifts. Are we giving as we should? Let us give sacrificially.

Woman's Missionary Union looks forward to the coming year expecting more of our adults as well as young people to accept the wonderful privilege of serving Christ.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. RICHARD F. CALLOWAY

Mrs. J. T. McRae, missionary to Gaza Strip, gave a most inspirational message about missions. She was introduced by Mrs. E. C. James.

The following report was adopted.

NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST HOSPITAL 1957 REPORT

Our North Carolina Baptist Hospital is dedicated to the service of those in need of medical care, the education of young people in various branches of medical service, and the bearing of a Christian witness throughout North Carolina and the world.

Once more it has set a new record in its ministry to sick people. Last year it provided 123,000 days of bed care for 15,784 patients. There were 61,000 visits to the out-patient clinics and 60,000 visits to the private clinics. Service patients came from 92 of the 100 counties of our State. This represents specialized medical care in twenty-five different fields of medicine and surgery. It represents the services of skilled medical specialists and special equipment in each of these fields. It represents a medical staff and equipment which, because of the many skills and the large investment involved, cannot be provided except in such a medical center. It provides medical service of the highest order for our people in North Carolina, whatever their financial circumstances may be.

The new Cobalt machine is in full operation, providing treatment for about 35 cancer patients each day. Our very fine plastic surgeon is doing highly skilled work, and our heart surgeon has performed successfully some of the newest and most difficult heart operations known. These services are typical of those offered by our Baptist Hospital.

If a person wishes to go to the Baptist Hospital for treatment, it is necessary that an appointment be made in advance. When an appointment is requested, accurate information must be given as to the general nature of the patient's problems and whether he needs to go through the out-patient clinic, rather than as a private or full-pay patient. The out-patient department is open to persons who are not able to pay the full cost of their medical care. In cases of emergency, or the need for immediate hospitalization, a local physician should always call or write the hospital in order that he may give the medical information required before the proper arrangements can be made. If a person will not be able to pay his full hospital bill when he leaves the hospital, definite financial arrangements should be made when he is admitted to the hospital and not left until later, This can prevent misunderstanding and unnecessary hardship.

It appears now that our churches of the State have made their largest Mother's Day offering this year. We are grateful for this because the needs for help have been greater than they have ever been before. Let us share in the ministry of our Baptist Hospital by giving generously of our prayers, our love, and our money.

Dr. W. K. McGee, Director of Denominational Relations of the Baptist Hospitals, Inc. spoke to report.

The association was led in the singing of "Amazing Grace" after which Rev. Lloyd Pardue delivered the associational sermon, using as his text, Matthew 7.

At the conclusion of the message, thanks for the noonday meal which was served by the members of the Cool Springs Church, was expressed by Rev. Pardue.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session opened with the singing of "Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus," after which Rev. E. M. Eldridge brought the devotional. He used for his scripture Romans 12.

The following report, presented by Rev. Tommy Johnson, was adopted.

ALLIED CHURCH LEAGUE REPORT

The liquor traffic in America is doing more to hamper and hinder the work of our churches than all other evils put together.

Drinking may not be the major problem of the Christian but it surely is one of the greatest in our land.

This year we have been brought face to face with the power the liquor manufacturers have in our state, by furnishing free liquor to our state legislators, they have been able to defeat any bill, petition or effort to bring about a vote of the people on this great evil.

While so many European countries are on the decrease in consumption of alcoholic beverages, America is on the increase. Within the last fifteen years there has been a fifty per cent increase in the numbers of drinkers in the United States. So America has become, as someone recently described it, the drinking capital of the hopeless and helpless. In this respect our churches of the land have a great responsibility in showing to the world that we have the answer to the problem in Christ Jesus our Lord.

These people who chose to drink rather than pray, to escape rather than face matters, who turn like a baby to a bottle need to be shown that Christ, rather than the influence of alcohol, is the only answer for their problems.

We must work for total abstinence, total warfare and total eradication of the sale and use of alcoholic beverages in any shape, form or fashion in our Land.

As we join hands with other churches through the Allied Church League in the fight against alcohol and with our prayers and financial support may we establish new beach-heads for Jesus, as we try to put down this great evil. And when the time comes to vote—vote for the man who in turn will vote dry for you in Raleigh.

Respectfully submitted,

TOMMY JOHNSON

Rev. R. M. Hauss of the Allied Church League, Inc., spoke to report.

The following reports were given by the Resolutions Committee, Committee on Time, Place and Preachers, and the Nominating Committee. Upon motion, each of the reports were adopted.

REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS

WHEREAS, the Elkin Baptist Association is closing its Seventy-Ninth Annual Session, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that we express our deep appreciation to the churches who so graciously entertained us during the two days of meeting, and

BE IT RESOLVED that we express sincere gratitude for the unselfish and faithful leadership of Rev. W. C. Guth during the past two years, and

BE IT RESOLVED that we express our thanks to each one who has brought to us both challenging and inspirational messages.

Let us all resolve anew to give more freely of our time, money, and personality that the name of Jesus may be made known to all men, at home and throughout the world.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. HOWARD J. FORD, Chairman

MRS. TYRE ROYALL

MRS. JIM DeBORDE

REPORT ON TIME, PLACE AND PREACHER

Time: Thursday and Friday, September 25 and 26, 1958.

Place: Thursday—Pleasant Home Baptist Church
Friday—Shoaly Branch Baptist Church

Preacher: Thursday—Rev. John L. Wells; Alternate, Rev. George Walters.
Friday—Rev. Bill L. Pruitt; Alternate, Rev. Graham Wooten.

Respectfully submitted,
J. L. POWERS, Chairman
MR. MURL NEWMAN
REV. TOMMY JOHNSON

A recommendation was presented that a study be made for a period of one year concerning plans for a night session. If a night session is scheduled, the meeting would start at two o'clock in the afternoon with supper served at 5:30 p.m. 'til 7:00 p.m. The second session for the meeting would be from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Moderator—Rev. N. C. Teague
Vice Moderator—Rev. George Hankins
Clerk-Treasurer—Mrs. Jim DeBorde
Sunday School Superintendent—Guy Mathis
Evangelistic Chairman—Rev. Howard J. Ford
Training Union Director—Tommy E. Johnson
Associate Director—T. C. Darnell
Brotherhood President—Richard Calloway
Music Director—Mrs. Raymond Johnson
Associate Director—Mrs. Wm. A. Walters
Baptist Hospital—Livington Williams
Biblical Recorder—Mrs. W. T. Roth
Relief and Annuity—Rev. W. C. Guth
Baptist Orphanage—Mrs. Tommy E. Johnson
American Bible Society—Denver Holcomb
Home for Aging—Rev. J. L. Powers
Allied Church League—Rev. Carnie Shugart
Radio-Visual Education—Dr. Lin Fincannon
Christian Education—Dr. V. W. Taylor
Cooperative Program—Phillip Ray
W. M U. President—Mrs. Richard Calloway
R. A. Counselor—Ralph Bradshaw

Executive Committee—Rev. N. C. Teague, Rev. George Hankins, Mrs. Jim DeBorde, Rev. W. C. Guth, Rev. J. L. Powers, Rev. Howard J. Ford, Mr. W. H. Combs.

Program Committee—Rev. N. C. Teague, Rev. George Hankins, Mrs. Jim DeBorde, Rev. Howard J. Ford, Rev. Tommy Johnson.

Ordination Committe—Rev. Howard J. Ford, Rev. N. C. Teague, Rev. George Walters, Rev. George Hankins, Rev. W. C. Guth, Rev. Tommy Johnson, Rev. J. L. Powers.

R.A. Counsellor—Ralph Bradshaw

W.M.U. President—Mrs. Richard Calloway.

Respectfully submitted,
REV. TOMMY COLLINS, Chairman
MR. MURL NEWMAN
REV. TOMMY JOHNSON

The following report, presented by Charles Trammel, was adopted.

REPORT ON BROTHERHOOD WORK

Southern Baptist men now have two challenging goals. They are (1) A fully staffed associational Brotherhood in every association and (2) an active Brotherhood in every church.

During 1957 for the first time in the Elkin Association an associational Brotherhood organization was established. This organization was set up to help any church that feels they are ready to organize a Brotherhood. Through this new organization we hope to reach the men of the churches, whether they have Brotherhoods or not, with regular and definite messages concerning various phases of the work, needs, and objectives of the Brotherhood and the denomination.

We face no greater challenge than that of enlisting the hundreds of men who have their names on the rolls of our churches, but who at present seem to have very little interest in any part of the program of those churches. Our goal for the next year is an active Brotherhood for every church in the association. In order to accomplish the goal the cooperation of every pastor and layman is necessary, for we know that no steps toward the organization of a Brotherhood in a church should be taken unless the pastor thinks the church is ready for one.

The total Brotherhood enrollment is 329. Of this 95 are Royal Ambassadors. The reported Royal Ambassador enrollment increased from 82 to 95, an increase of 13. The Brotherhood enrollment increased from 213 to 234, a total of 21. Out of approximately 800 resident members who are men we now have only 234 enrolled in our Brotherhoods.

During this associational year no new Brotherhoods have been established but we do feel that a great amount of interest has been created in churches without Brotherhoods and that several are ready to organize soon.

During the past year the Brotherhoods contributed their share of funds for the construction of a swimming pool at our Baptist Assembly at Fruitland. This addition to the facilities at Fruitland filled a great recreational need for the young people attending the assemblies.

The Brotherhood of the First Baptist Church was host to the Region Seven Convention held on May 10. Over 400 attended and enjoyed greatly the excellent speakers and the dinner.

Two of our members attended the weekend conference at Fruitland on June 28 and 29. There plans were discussed for the work to be done during the coming year.

Most of the State Brotherhood leaders are now attending the First National Conference of Southern Baptist men being held now in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. None of the Brotherhood members of our association were able to attend this year but we do hope to send representatives in the years to come.

Respectfully submitted,
CHARLES B. TRAMMEL, JR.

Rev. Howard J. Ford, Chairman of Evangelism, presented the following report which was adopted.

EVANGELISM

The key to evangelism is the local church. The pastor must be in vanguard of any sustained evangelism in the local church program. In

effective evangelism today the layman is decisive. He should be considered and used in any organized plan for soul winning.

The Sunday School is the chief evangelistic agency within the church. The Sunday School should be positively evangelistic. The teachers should earnestly seek to lead their pupils to Christ. The Sunday School should cooperate with the special evangelistic campaigns of the church.

It would be helpful for each congregation to organize a Church Council of Evangelism. It should be composed of the pastor, the Sunday School superintendent, the Training Union director, the president of the Woman's Missionary Union, the Brotherhood president, and the educational director, if the church has such an officer. The pastor should serve as chairman of this council. The scope and work of the Church Council of Evangelism is fully covered in material that can be secured from the Department of Evangelism of the Baptist Home Mission Board.

The North Carolina Baptist State Convention has approved the 1959 World Wide Simultaneous Revival Crusade. Our state has alreadw been divided into a northern and southern zone. The date for our area is April 12-26. Your committee suggests that we go on record as favoring this World Wide Revival Crusade. Furthermore, that our churches begin now to pray for this crusade and plan to actively participate by scheduling a revival April 12-26, 1959.

Respectfully submitted,

HOWARD J. FORD, Chairman.

Rev. W. R. Wagner, Pastor of First Baptist Church of North Wilkesboro, brought the closing message. The topic for his message was "Our Father's Business."

The Seventy-Ninth Annual session of the Elkin Baptist Association adjourned with the benediction being pronounced by Rev. Howard J. Ford.

IN MEMORIAM

COOL SPRINGS
- Mrs. Zillie Casey
- Mr. John Lawrence
- Mr. Gordon Benge

ELKIN FIRST
- Miss Minnie Russell
- Mrs. T. H. Eidson
- Mrs. T. G. Harris
- Mr. J. David Brendle

ELKIN: WEST
- Mr. Ivan Hemric

ELKIN VALLEY
- Mr. S. A. Foster
- Mrs. Nancy Collins
- Mr. Ray Shore
- Mr. Ray Chappel

LITTLE ELKIN
- Mr. Ted Lyon
- Mrs. Mozelle Shore

MAPLE SPRINGS
- Mr. Luther Howell
- Fred Harris (Deacon)

MINERAL SPRINGS
- Mrs. Jake Teague
- Mrs. Belva Wilmoth Hanks
- Mr. Luther Gene Vestal

MOUNT PLEASANT
- Mr. Charlie Carter
- Miss Flora Joyce

PLEASANT HILL
- Mr. Dallas Carter (Deacon)
- Mr. Claude Ray (Deacon)
- Mr. Eugene Money
- Mr. Brannon Day
- Mr. Worth Couch
- Mrs. Ida Howell
- Mrs. Julia Darnell
- Mrs. Bessie Collins
- Mrs. Ella Couch

PLEASANT HOME
- Mrs. Jane Tharpe

POPLAR SPRINGS
- Mrs. Helena Welborn

ROCK CREEK
- Mrs. Mallie Brewer
- Miss Rosie McCreary

RONDA
- Mr. George C. Poplin
- Mrs. R. W. McBride

SHOALY BRANCH
- Mr. Robert Spencer (Deacon)
- Mr. Newton Thompson

TABLE A — CHURCH AND MEMBERSHIP

CHURCHES	Location, Rural V-T-C	Date Organized	Dates of Meeting	PASTORS AND ADDRESSES	Baptisms	Letters and other additions	Loss by Death, Transfer	Total Resident Members	Total Non-resident Mem.	Grand Total Present Mem.	Revival Meetings Held	Number Tithers	Pastor's Annual Salary (Whether had pastor or not)
Bessie's Chapel	R	1934	2-4	Lloyd Pardue, Pleasant Hill	16	3	1	131	19	150	2	.....	652
Center	R	1839	1-3	Carl Cockerham, Roaring River	.....	3	.....	44	36	80	1	.....	220
Cool Springs	R	1805	2-4	George Walters, Elkin	13	3	7	160	110	270	2	.....	1,188
Elkin: East	T	1921	1-3	Tommie Collins, Jonesville	14	4	6	133	109	242	2	10	1,480
First	C	1889	Full	Howard J. Ford, Elkin	26	25	31	642	111	753	1	360	7,200
West	T	1940	2-4	J. L. Powers, Elkin	13	9	7	124	53	177	2	29	1,027
Elkin Valley	V	1914	Full	W. C. Guth, Elkin	13	5	15	518	51	569	2	150	4,520
Little Elkin	R	1905	.....	Albert Brackens, Mocksville	5	1	4	164	81	245	2	.....	.....
Macedonia	R	1876	1-3	R. A. Call, Rt. 2, N. Wilkesboro	1	.....	3	205	48	253	2	8	.....
Maple Springs	R	1943	1-3	Woodrow Wishon, State Road	3	9	5	.....	.....	93	2	3	446
Mineral Springs	T	1940	1-2-3-4	George Hankins, Jonesville	13	5	18	326	33	359	2	30	3,900
Mount Pleasant	V	1886	Full	Willie R. Kimberlin, State Road	4	4	11	160	62	222	2	.....	3,900
Oak Grove	R	1946	1-3	J. L. West, Wilkesboro	5	2	5	137	.....	137	2	6	900
Pleasant Hill	T	1897	Full	N. C. Teague, Elkin	22	9	23	606	140	746	2	127	4,810
Pleasant Home	R	1878	2-4	Vaughn Brown, N. Wilkesboro	13	2	8	133	74	207	2	.....	561
Poplar Springs	R	1885	1-3	C. B. Mickles, East Bend	13	5	8	204	54	258	2	4	1,402
Rock Creek	R	1849	2-4	C. E. Shugart, Elkin	6	3	9	204	95	299	2	9	1,200
Ronda	V	1893	2-4	John L. Wells, N. Wilkesboro	3	10	5	126	71	197	2	15	1,370
Shoaly Branch	R	1884	1-3	Graham Wooten, Rt. 4, Statesville	16	9	2	.....	.....	166	2	.....	.....
Union Hill	R	1948	1-3	Ralph J. Stanley, Rt. 1, Elkin	4	5	4	39	12	51	2	5	508
White Plains	R	1843	1-3	Bill P. Pruitt, Hays	.....	1	8	190	29	219	2	1	.....
TOTALS					203	117	180	4,246	1,188	5,693	40	757	35,284

TABLE B — THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

CHURCHES	Sunday School Superintendents and Addresses	Cradle Roll	Nursery	Beginners	Primaries	Juniors	Intermediates	Young People, Single	Young People, Married	Adults (25-34)	Adults (35 and up)	Extension Department	Officers Not Counted in Classes and Departments	Grand Total Sunday School Enrollment	Average Attendance	Vacation Bible School Enrollment	Average Attendance Vac. Bible School	No. Training Schools
Bessie's Chapel	Fred Holder, Rt. 1, Elkin			15	11	17	20	25	32		67			187	135	55	37	
Center	Jerry Adams, 120 Eller St., Elkin			18		15	12	14			19		7	85	79	59	47	
Cool Springs	Russell Brewer, Rt. 2, Elkin	13		12	19	25	15	19	29	18	40	17	13	180	126	117	103	1
Elkin: East	C. C. Francis, P. O. Box 495, Elkin			19	12	20	16	11		21	40		3	162	102	55	41	
First	Lin Fincannon, Box 388, Elkin	14	89	50	64	83	55	39		93	231	51	7	776	428	256	221	5
West	Tommy Johnson, South St., Elkin	4	7	6	16	14	13	5	6	56	17	3		146	100	64	61	1
Elkin Valley	G. B. Walters, Rt. 2, Elkin	3	35	13	35	63	45	18	6	42	135	18	4	417	265	120	100	2
Little Elkin	Archie Hemric, Rt. 1, Ronda			8	15	18	18	20	30		45		3	157	130			
Macedonia	Albert Collins, Rt. 1, Ronda			6	11	11	28	13	12	22	27		2	131	86	50	42	1
Maple Springs	Luther Holbrook, Rt. 1, Ronda				20	13	7	16		23			8	87	83	31		
Mineral Springs	Transou Boles, Jonesville			8	16	40	36	12		125			3	240	166	105	94	
Mount Pleasant	Wm. A. Walters, State Road	14	3	12	9	26	21	17	15	38	38	18	5	216	118	95	89	1
Oak Grove	Jack Reid, Hays			10	15	16	25	36			50			146	75	74	72	
Pleasant Hill	Phillip Ray, Elkin	21	52	30	36	68	57	61			301	16	5	647	392	226	197	1
Pleasant Home	Thaddeus Darnell, Rt. 1. R. River			15		14	14			35	54			132	86	50	42	
Poplar Springs	Hayden Moxley, 148 Woodruff St.		9	12		40		32		58	45		9	205	147	62	50	
Rock Creek	Eugene Sebastian, Rt. 2, N. Wilkesbor			16	15	28	24	15			26			126	78	76		
Ronda	L. H. Petree, Ronda		12	9	14	16	20		10	16	24	6	3	130	78	80	71	1
Shoaly Branch	J. H. White, State Road			18		20		28	16		68			150	110	93	84	
Union Hill	Grady Norman, Rt. 1, Thurmond			16	10			12	12		20			70	60	48	44	
White Plains	Clay Alexander, Roaring River			19		25	24	24	28		34			154	119	86	80	
TOTALS		69	207	312	318	572	450	417	196	547	1283	129	72	4544	2963	1802	1475	13

TABLE C — TRAINING UNION

CHURCHES	TRAINING UNION DIRECTORS AND ADDRESSES	Nursery	Beginners	Primaries	Juniors	Intermediates	Young People, Single	Young People, Married	Adults, 23-34	Adults, 35 and up	General Officers Enrolled	Grand Total Enrolled	Average Attendance
Bessie's Chapel													
Center													
Cool Springs	Murl Newman, P. O. Box 806, Elkin		10		11	7	17		20		4	69	48
Elkin: East	Mason Burcham, Johnson St., Elkin			6	6	11	5		12		3	43	31
First	Jack Robinson, 261 N. Bridge St., Elkin	8	12	27	36	26	21		16	36	3	187	101
West	Howard Royall, 118 Reeves Lane, Elkin		10		8	14			25		5	57	30
Elkin Valley	Raymond Johnson, 1451 N. Bridge St., Elkin		2	9	20	23			30		2	86	45
Little Elkin													
Macedonia	Ralph Tharpe, Rt. 1, Ronda		5	5	5	17	12			18	2	66	39
Maple Springs	Luther Holbrook, Rt. 1, Ronda		10		10		12		15			84	47
Mineral Springs	Donald Carter, Cherry St., Jonesville			7	13	15			28		2	65	48
Mount Pleasant	Frederick Burcham, State Road		2	12	16	12	9		18		2	71	41
Oak Grove													
Pleasant Hill	Mrs. Linville Couch, Pleasant Hill Dr., Elkin	8	12	16	37	40	18		19	27	2	179	108
Pleasant Home	Benith Jordan, Rt. 1, Roaring River		5		12				20		5	42	31
Poplar Springs	Jerry Dunn, Rt. 1, Jonesville										6	97	61
Rock Creek	Vaughn Durham, Rt. 2, N. Wilkesboro			4	10	10	4			8	4	40	30
Ronda	Mrs. F. C. Anthony, Roaring River				6	7				15	2	30	18
Shoaly Branch	Mrs. James A. Martin, Rt. 2, Elkin		8		20		24	7	21			80	45
Union Hill													
White Plains	Kenneth Byrd, Roaring River		12		29		15		20		2	78	49
TOTALS		16	88	86	239	182	137	7	244	104	44	1274	772

TABLE D — WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

CHURCHES	PRESIDENTS OF W.M.S. AND ADDRESSES	W.M.S. Units	Y.W.A. Units	G.A. Units	Sunbeam Units	Total Units	W.M.S. Enrolled	Y.W.A. Enrolled	G.A. Enrolled	Sunbeam Enrolled	Total Enrolled	Total Tithers All Organizations
Bessie's Chapel												
Center												
Cool Springs	Mrs. Murl Newman, P. O. Box 806, Elkin	1				1	12				12	
Elkin: East	Mrs. Lottie Burch, Elkin	1			1	2	15			20	35	3
First	Miss Dare Teague, Box 618, Elkin	11	1	2	3	17	11	10	39	57	332	128
West	Mrs. Tommy Johnson, South St., Elkin	2		1	1	4	23		12	19	54	19
Elkin Valley	Mrs. John Henry Haynes, Rt. 2, Elkin	5	1	2	2	10	76	7	27	19	139	76
Little Elkin												
Macedonia	Mrs. Madie Dimmette, Rt. 1, Ronda	1				1	25				25	
Maple Springs												
Mineral Springs	Lorene Ingool, Mineral Springs Dr., Jonesville	1		2	1	4	17		19	17	53	12
Mount Pleasant	Mrs. Lake Haynes, State Road	1		2	1	4	21		24	19	64	20
Oak Grove												
Pleasant Hill	Mrs. Faye Edwards, Elkin	4	1	2		7	48	9	38	24	119	59
Pleasant Home												
Poplar Springs	Mrs. Ileene Hinson, State Road						20				20	
Rock Creek	Mrs. Paul Haynes, Rt. 2, N. Wilkesboro	1				1	12				12	5
Ronda	Mrs. Vallie Pardue, Ronda	1				1	13				13	5
Shoaly Branch												
Union Hill	Mrs. J. J. Kennedy, Rt. 1, Thurmond	1				1	10				10	
White Plains												
TOTALS		30	3	11	9	53	303	26	159	175	888	327

TABLE E — BROTHERHOOD WORK

CHURCHES	Presidents of Men's Brotherhoods and Addresses	Chrm. Royal Ambassador Co. and Addresses	Men's Brotherhood Enroll.	Total Men	No. Jr. R. A. Chapters	Junior R. A. Enrollment	No. Inter. R. A. Chapters	Intermediate R. A. Enroll.	Total R. A. Enrollment	Grand Total Enrollment
Bessie's Chapel										
Center										
Cool Springs										
Elkin: East	O. N. Harris, Rt. 1, Elkin		24	24						24
First	Richard Callaway, Hillcrest Dr.	Dr. R. M. Cooke, Elkin	82	82	1	18	1	21	39	121
West										
Elkin Valley	Garvey Chambers, N. Bridge, Elkin	Howard Baugus, Rt. 1, Elkin	44	44	1	13	1	8	21	65
Little Elkin										
Macedonia										
Maple Springs										
Mineral Springs		Curtiss Hayes, Ray St., Jonesville				19			19	19
Mount Pleasant	Gene Hemric, State Road		20	20		12		7	19	39
Oak Grove										
Pleasant Hill	Odell Couch, Pleasant Hill Dr.		64	64					16	80
Pleasant Home										
Poplar Springs										
Rock Creek										
Ronda										
Shoaly Branch										
Union Hill										
White Plains										
TOTALS			234	234	2	62	2	36	114	348

TABLE F — CHURCH MUSIC — CHURCH LIBRARY — BUILDING — GOALS

CHURCHES	Choir Directors of Churches And Addresses	Number Choirs	Total Choir Enrollment	Total Music Budget (excluding salaries)	No. Copies Church Musician Usually Ordered	Name of Hymnal Used In Auditorium	Value Pastor's Home	Value of Church Property Including Pastor's Home	Money Spent on New Construction, Property, Equipt.	Total Church Debt at End of Year	Cooperative Program, % of Total Budget	Association Mission Goal Coming Year
Bessie's Chapel	Mrs. Vera Southard, Rt. 2, Elkin											
Center	Sam Spicer, Thurmond					Broadman		5,000				
Cool Springs	Wanda Pettyjohn, Rt. 2, Elkin	2	60			Broadman		5,000	517			
Elkin: East	Claude R. Pardue, Rt. 1, Elkin	2	18			Broadman		5,500				
First	Homer Walker, Elkin	1	50	175		New Baptist	30,000	530,000		148,000		
West	Ray Royall, Elkin	1	31	50	2	Broadman		75,000	3,910	18,105	5	252
Elkin Valley	Mrs. Raymond Johnson, Elkin	1	27	135	1	Broadman	20,000	154,000	340	26,500	4½	350
Little Elkin	C. E. Wall, Ronda											
Macedonia	Etta Mae Flynn, Ronda							3,500				
Maple Springs	Jerry Collins, Rt. 2, Elkin							16,000	364			
Mineral Springs	Aubrey Martin, Jonesville	3	65		1	Broadman	12,000	34,000	2,400	2,534		
Mount Pleasant	Mrs. Wm. A. Walters, State Road	5	60	250	4	Broadman	5,000	17,000			10	180
Oak Grove	Mary Elmore, N. Wilkesboro											
Pleasant Hill	Everett Darnell, Elkin	4	125	275	4	Broadman	30,000	105,000	6,564		15	300
Pleasant Home	Quincy Cheek, Roaring River	1				Broadman		25,000				
Poplar Springs	Roscoe Gentry, State Road	3	90			Broadman		20,000				
Rock Creek	Earl Wiles, Rt. 2, N. Wilkesboro	1				Broadman		15,000		640		
Ronda	Mrs. L. H. Petree, Ronda	1	22		1	Broadman		50,000		11,000	1	
Shoaly Branch	James A. Martin, Rt. 2, Elkin	1	30			Broadman		14,511	1,012			
Union Hill		1				World Wide		5,000	1,514	1,090		
White Plains	Lillian Swaim, Roaring River	2	45			Broadman		35,000	600			
TOTALS		29	623	885	13		97,000	1,114,511	17,221	207,869	35½	1,082

TABLE G AND H — TOTAL GIFTS AND LOCAL EXPENDITURES

CHURCHES	TREASURERS AND ADDRESSES	Total Gifts For All Purposes	Total Salaries (Do Not Include Pastor's Salary Here)	Maintenance, Insurance, Repair, etc.	New Buildings and Equipment	Literature, Song Books, Printing, etc.	Local Missions and Benevolences	Revival Expenses and Pastoral Supply	Payment on Church Debt	Other Local Expenses	Total Local Expenses (Excluding Pastor's Salary)	Pastor's Salary (Money Paid)	Grand Total Local Expense
Bessie's Chapel	Billy S. Wall, Rt. 1, Elkin	3,322	300	.....	257	14	.....	208	1,569	233	2,581	652	3,132
Center	Sam Spicer, Thurmond	450	60	.....	.....	45	16	30	.....	65	216	220	436
Cool Springs	Mrs. Paul Newman, Elkin	4,412	332	184	577	267	442	140	.....	184	2,066	1,188	3,254
Elkin: East	Mrs. Glenn Cooke, Elkin	4,553	120	115	.....	292	.....	285	.....	1,121	1,932	1,480	3,412
First	T. L. Parnell, Elkin	71,476	6,712	2,548	196	3,895	604	242	29,000	7,722	50,919	7,200	58,119
West	Mallie Owens, Elkin	7,787	480	627	3,910	342	138	169	2,544	500	8,710	1,037	9,747
Elkin Valley	Paul Fletcher, Elkin	22,478	1,498	1,184	340	896	330	539	9,325	2,122	16,234	4,520	20,154
Little Elkin	Mrs. Carolyn Byrd, Rt. 1, Ronda	3,530	300	291	2,647	134	88	409	450	87	4,406	1,075	5,481
Macedonia	Walter Flynn, Rt. 1, Ronda	3,749	180	197	.....	204	25	97	.....	.....	704	898	1,601
Maple Springs	Beamer Boyd, Rt. 1, Ronda	799	.....	20	.....	56	88	126	.....	.....	289	447	736
Mineral Springs	Victor Poindexter, Jonesville	10,662	520	2,150	250	567	785	840	.....	1,496	6,608	3,900	10,508
Mount Pleasant	J. Ralph Gentry, State Road	13,067	390	213	.....	515	382	366	.....	1,079	2,946	3,900	6,846
Oak Grove	Mrs. Mary Watts, N. Wilkesboro	2,332	.....	600	.....	143	25	166	.....	170	1,104	900	2,004
Pleasant Hill	Denver Holcomb, Elkin	26,008	1,777	412	6,564	1,046	106	625	.....	3,267	13,797	4,810	18,607
Pleasant Home	Basil Edwards, Rt. 1, R. River	3,416	111	14	772	111	94	136	1,348	147	2,733	561	3,294
Poplar Springs	Herman Hinson, State Road	4,196	240	109	.....	267	78	196	.....	551	1,441	1,402	2,843
Rock Creek	V. R. Durham, Rt. 2, N. Wilkes	2,793	.....	288	.....	128	205	242	180	149	1,192	1,200	2,392
Ronda	R. C. Martin, Ronda	5,973	.....	119	372	278	176	240	2,182	366	3,733	1,370	5,103
Shoaly Branch	James A. Martin, Rt. 2, Elkin	2,635	.....	352	1,072	164	146	104	.....	82	.....	572	2,492
Union Hill	Mrs. J. J. Kennedy, Rt. 1, Thurmond	1,464	62	164	1,514	90	59	107	500	79	2,575	508	3,083
White Plains	Odell Blackburn, Rt. 1, R. River	2,348	270	58	.....	132	60	163	.....	109	792	950	1,741
TOTALS		197,450	13,352	9,645	18,471	9,586	3,847	5,430	47,098	19,529	124,978	38,790	164,985

TABLE I AND J — MISSION EXPENDITURES AND TOTAL EXPENDITURES

CHURCHES	CLERKS OF CHURCHES AND ADDRESSES	Cooperative Program	Associational Missions	Designated State Missions	Designated Home Missions	Designated Foreign Missions	Christian Ed. Schools	Orphan's Home	Designated Hospitals	Other Objects, Relief and Annuity, etc.	Total Mission Expenditures	Grand Total Expenditures For All Purposes
Bessie's Chapel	C. B. Key, Rt. 1, Elkin	...	...	...	...	...	...	60	20	10	90	3,322
Center	Miss Bonnie Spicer, Thurmond	10	40	...	...	...	...	20	35	23	128	564
Cool Springs	Eugene Pettyjohn, Rt. 2, Elkin	265	51	176	35	78	13	61	60	...	739	3,993
Elkin: East	John W. Williams, Rt. 1, Elkin	41	93	10	18	30	...	59	26	72	349	3,761
First	Miss Hazel Byrd, Elkin	7,788	376	236	236	1,702	101	720	159	366	11,684	69,803
West	Mrs. Reece Cockerham, Elkin	55	185	50	81	94	10	45	32	50	602	10,349
Elkin Valley	G. C. Cooper, Elkin	750	330	249	305	952	100	120	104	382	3,292	24,046
Little Elkin	Mrs. Priscilla Reynolds, Elkin	...	...	...	...	...	...	81	32	...	113	5,594
Macedonia	Charlie R. Byrd, Ronda	128	50	10	...	62	15	169	27	90	551	2,152
Maple Springs	Beamer Byrd, Rt. 1, Ronda	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	...	...	10	953
Mineral Springs	Mrs. Polly Vestal, Jonesville	14	250	100	278	200	19	100	100	75	1,136	11,645
Mount Pleasant	Mrs. M. L. Donovan, State Road	754	115	42	142	262	...	82	50	22	1,469	8,315
Oak Grove	Mrs. Mary Watts, N. Wilkesboro	...	...	27	26	18	...	232	25	...	327	...
Pleasant Hill	Joe Cockerham, Elkin	1,740	225	118	169	339	11	580	250	310	3,742	22,349
Pleasant Home	M. L. Cockerham, Roaring River	35	32	20	...	...	...	27	31	21	134	3,428
Poplar Springs	Posey Steele, Rt. 1, Elkin	...	50	105	10	52	25	62	50	100	454	3,297
Rock Creek	Mrs. C. H. Wood, Rt. 2, N. Wilkes	212	50	...	35	66	...	...	38	...	402	3,028
Ronda	Mrs. G. E. Golliher, Ronda	49	50	17	12	44	17	30	40	...	265	5,372
Shoaly Branch	James A. Martin, Rt. 2, Elkin	...	...	...	...	...	...	25	...	...	25	2,517
Union Hill	Mrs. J. D. Shores, Rt. 1, Thurmond	13	...	22	5	7	...	116	25	...	188	3,271
White Plains	Odell Blackburn, Rt. 1, R. River	25	...	...	...	...	...	75	53	20	173	1,914
TOTALS		11,879	1,897	1,182	1,352	3,906	311	2,674	1,157	1,541	25,872	189,673

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